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Truck Overturns: Two Killed

Guam, Feb. 10.—A carpenter, Roman Angeles, 28, and a chief labour foreman, Buno Buys, 29, both of the Philippines, were killed today when the trailer truck they were riding overturned going downhill near a dam site. Twenty-three men were on the truck with the Filipinos. Fourteen received injuries and seven were sent to hospital, two with serious injuries.—United Press

Serious Calcutta Violence

Stabbings, Shooting, Robberies

Calcutta, Feb. 10.—New stabbings, brickbattings, bombings, shootings and robberies were reported today in the aftermath of the outbreak of Hindu-Muslim violence. The police said they had everything under control, but extended the dawn to dusk curfew at least another 24 hours as reports of rioting in the northern and northeastern sections of Calcutta continued to stream in.

With Indo-Pakistan relations already at a straining point, the Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, expressed his belief that the riots in Calcutta and West Bengal stemmed from Muslim oppression of Hindus in the Pakistan province of East Bengal. He appealed to Indians not to fall prey to communal passion and retaliation.

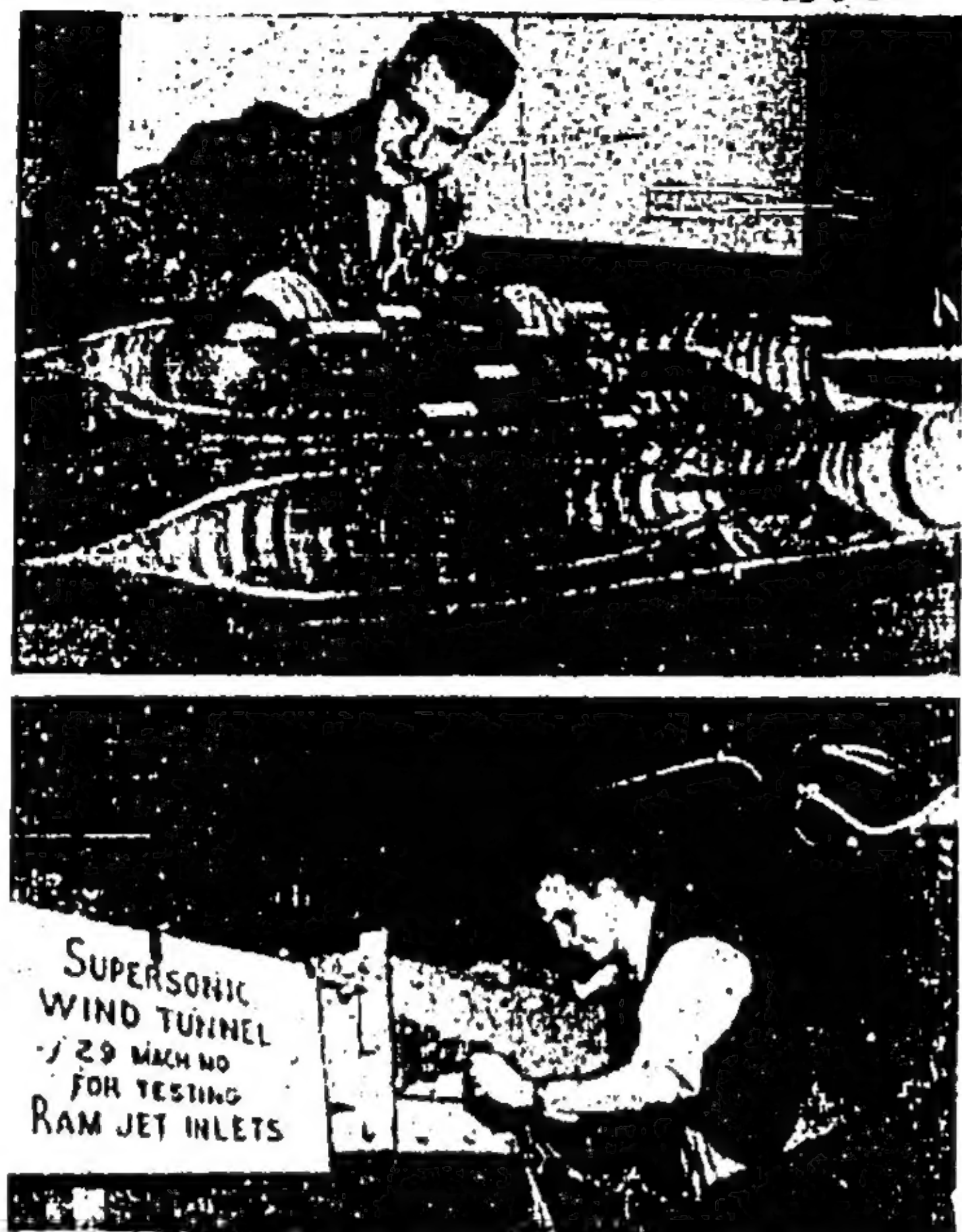
OFFICIAL PROTEST

Indian government has protested to Pakistan against the loss of "life, property and honour among the Hindus of East Bengal."

Casualties in the Calcutta fighting could not be estimated. If rioting was in the same pattern as 1947, when bodies were dumped into rivers or cremated, there might never be an accurate toll.

Hindus and Muslims fled to safety today from bombs. Many who could not find a place to sleep camped in public parks and vacant plots. The main railway station was jammed with refugees seeking to board trains for Eastern Pakistan. Downtown Calcutta was quiet, but many shops were bolted and the usually teeming streets deserted. Europeans and other non-Indians so far have not been involved in the Calcutta rioting and generally carry on business as usual. United Press

The Testing Laboratory



Leslie M. Mead (top) supervisor of exhibits, studies a three-quarters to an inch scale model of a ram-jet engine at the new laboratory at Wood-Ridge, New Jersey. Maron Morris (bottom) a leading engineer, works at the control of the supersonic test laboratory in which ram-jets can be "flown" at speeds up to 2,600 miles an hour in conditions simulating speed four times that of sound, and altitudes up to 15 miles.—AP Pictures

FAR EAST ON THE MARCH

Canadian Minister's Impressions

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Optimism about Canada's prospects of trade with the Far East generally was expressed today by Mr. L. B. Pearson, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs. He was speaking at his first press conference since he returned from the Commonwealth talks in Ceylon.

He stressed that India and Pakistan both had stable governments, but submitted that the Kashmir dispute was one which the Communists "know how to exploit to the full."

The centre of gravity in world affairs had shifted from Europe to the Far East, and there was "real danger of Soviet imperialism over-running the whole of the Far East," he declared.

LOT TO GIVE

Of the Far East generally Mr. Pearson said, "That part of the world is on the march as never before. In the wake of political freedom in many former colonies people want a better standard of life. That means industrialization, and this is a field where we can help both by providing equipment and technical knowledge. In addition, they want investment of our capital. They have a lot to give us in return and from the long range view I am optimistic about our trade prospects there."

"However, I am also impressed by short-term difficulties relating to the currency problem. In our planning, however, we must assume that these short-term difficulties are going to disappear."

The same forces which led to collective defensive and economic arrangements in Europe as a check to Communism must now be applied in the Far East, Mr. Pearson continued.

At Colombo he found general realization that Canada's part in any economic or defensive schemes in the Far East would have to be related to what he was already doing in the Atlantic.

A NEW ROLE

Everywhere he went in India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Burma, Singapore, Hongkong and Tokyo he found great friendship for Canada and the "realisation of our new role in world affairs."

The new importance of Asia was exemplified by the fact that the Commonwealth Conference, which was held in London, had a large attendance in Asia. (Contd. on Page 14, Col. 4)

BRITAIN'S "NO" TO TRADE MISSION

Not Following US Lead Regarding Japanese

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Feb. 10. A Foreign Office spokesman told me today that the British government had no intention of following the United States example and allowing a Japanese trade mission to set up a permanent office in Britain.

He added that the British government knew the United States were permitting the establishment of Japanese trade missions (in New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Honolulu) and had been kept informed while these arrangements were being made. "We aren't doing anything ourselves on the same lines," the spokesman said.

Japanese trade missions in America will, according to a State Department spokesman, promote two-way trade and also handle citizenship and property problems of Japanese nationals in continental United States and Honolulu.

They would not have diplomatic or consular status, he added.

Announcing the setting up of trade missions the United States government expressed the hope that other nations would act similarly in encouraging increased trade with Japan.

The United States took this step on its own initiative following discussion in the 13-nation Far Eastern Commission, the Allied policy-formulating agency for the occupation of Japan, on which no formal action was taken.

The United States placed a ban on travel to Hungary after Mr. Robert Vogler, the American vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York, was arrested just as he was leaving Hungary to fly to the United States.

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Among five Hungarians to be tried on the same charges are Zoltan Rado, a former section chief of an unnamed Ministry, Dr. Ivan Just, a Catholic priest, and Miss Edwina Dory, a former Countess who was a Budapest night club barmaid before her arrest.

Details of the charges are expected this weekend. Some time ago the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior announced that the defendants confessed to having organised a widespread espionage network in Hungary.—Reuter

Protests Over S'hai Bombings

U.S. Govt. Indignant

Washington, Feb. 10.—The United States Government has protested to the Chinese Nationalist authorities against the recent bombing of international property in Shanghai.

The Chinese Nationalists last night delivered to the Nationalist Government at Taipei, Formosa, yesterday, said that the attacks "were deliberate and made despite past identification of American-owned property."

The note complained that the Chinese Air Force was making an increasing number of attacks on American property and densely populated areas on the Chinese mainland.

"This Government expects to receive prompt and categorical assurances that there will be no repetition of Chinese Air Force attacks on American property," the note added.

A State Department spokesman said that the property of the American-owned Shanghai Power Company and the Standard Vacuum Oil Company was damaged in Monday's raid.

APPEAL TO UN

Groups of prominent citizens in Shanghai have appealed to the United Nations to stop the bombing of Shanghai by Chinese Nationalist planes, according to a statement released today by the United Nations Secretariat.

In a cable to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, associations of Chinese and European residents recorded that Nationalist bombing had reduced the city's water supply to one-quarter of its normal capacity.

The cable said that last Monday's bombing had imperilled the lives of thousands of people and had taken the lives of hundreds.

If it continued it could only bring the disaster of widespread unemployment, starvation, epidemics and death, the cable added.—Reuter

Impressed By Colony's Optimism

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Mr. L. B. Pearson, the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs who was in Hongkong recently, was much impressed by the atmosphere of optimism he found in that British Colony.

In fact, he described himself as having been "amazed" at this atmosphere of optimism. He referred to Hongkong during a press conference today, and said, "Despite the fact that more people than there are in New Zealand are living in that Colony there is real buoyancy there."

Mr. Pearson visited Hongkong after attending the Commonwealth Conference which was held in Colombo recently.—Reuter

Nigerian Extremist Arrested

U.S. Govt. Indignant

Lagos, Feb. 10.—The General Secretary of the Nigerian extreme nationalist Zikist Movement, 24-year-old Mokwukwo Okoye, was arrested last night after the police had searched his home, it was learned today.

He was appearing in court at Ebute Metta, near Lagos, this morning. The charges against him were not yet known.

The Zikist Movement is named after Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, President of the extreme nationalist Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons.

The police who searched Okoye's home, seized a number of documents among them the Constitution of the Zikist Movement. Similar searches are being conducted all over the country, usually reliable sources said.

HOMES SEARCHED

At Enugu—the mining centre where riots recently ended in the police opening fire—the home of three leaders of the Zikist Movement was searched, according to reports.

Two of these leaders had already left for Lagos to attend the General Conference of the National Emergency Committee, taking place here this morning.

The Committee is a united front of all political and labour organisations set up after the Enugu mine incident, in which 18 African miners were killed.

The Conference will discuss, among other things, possible action if the recommendations of the Government enquiry commission into the Enugu incident prove unacceptable to the country.

The delegates will also discuss the possibility of the Committee becoming a permanent body.—Reuter

Drink More Tea Movement In U.S.

New York, Feb. 10.—A fund of more than \$1,000,000 is available for promoting the consumption of tea in the United States during the 12 months beginning in mid-May, Mr. Robert B. Smallwood, President of the Tea Association of the United States, announced today.

He said that the money would be spent on press advertisements and a supporting sales promotion and merchandising campaign. Half of the fund is being contributed by leading United States importers, packers and distributors.

The Tea Association, representing the United States tea trade, and the Tea Bureau, representing tea growers across the seas, have contributed to a joint promotional fund, Mr. Smallwood said.

"It is a most important encouraging step in international trade activity. This project is based on the premise that what is best for tea is best for all who grow and distribute tea. We are all working together as a team, and know we can accomplish what no individual or single interest could hope to do."

TEA COUNCIL

"We are confident that this joint effort will prove most productive."

The fund will be administered by a recently formed group designated as the Tea Council, membership of which will be equally drawn from the Tea Association and the Tea Bureau.

The American tea trade and the tea growers together selected Mr. Smallwood to serve as Chairman of the Tea Council and Mr. Anthony Hyde, the managing director of the Tea Bureau, was Vice-Chairman.

"The Tea Council will determine the policy on the expenditure of the fund and will be responsible to the Association and the Bureau," said Mr. Smallwood. "It will also provide the ultimate machinery for co-ordinating supplementary merchandising and promotional activities of both the Association and the Bureau."

"These plans are now being prepared in detail for all branches of the distributing trade. The Council will compose of men thoroughly versed in all phases of the advertising, merchandising and promotion of tea," he added.

"We will have an expert group guiding an industry which does an annual business in the United States amounting to \$150,000,000 at the consumer level."

"While the cost of all food has increased by 100 percent since 1940 the consumer price of tea rose by only 44 percent during the same period," said Mr. Smallwood. "Tea is still the cheapest drink in the world except water."—Reuter

EDITORIAL

Hongkong And Glasgow

MR John McAslan, Bailie of Glasgow, told the Y's Men's Club this week sufficient about the way his city is run by its elected Corporation to give the Hongkong Government, not to mention the public here, cause to ponder. Glasgow spends the equivalent of between 500 and 600 million Hongkong dollars a year on behalf of the citizens. This is roughly three times the Colony's current annual revenue. But for this expenditure the people of Glasgow possess 27 public libraries, containing a million and a half books; there is compulsory education for every child between the ages of five and 15; there are free medical services; and the Corporation takes responsibility for looking after orphans and unwanted children. How does Hongkong compare? Although revenue amount to a full third of Glasgow's, Hongkong has not a single public library; has no municipal building; has no general free education; has only a limited amount of free medical service; expects most social work to be financed by private donations. The ironical touch given to the post-war slogan that Hongkong must be regarded as the shop-window of British life, is that so little of its civic aspects begin to measure up to the standards now enjoyed in Britain. This is one of the reasons why the work of the British Council in Hongkong, is so severely handicapped. How can the earnest representatives of that august organisation convince the people of Hongkong that the British way of life is incomparable when, in fact, so few of its intrinsic features are reproduced in the Colony? If Glasgow can afford 27 public libraries, Hongkong should easily be able to provide itself with at least one. If Glasgow can afford to provide for itself public buildings for the cultural, educational and social welfare of its citizens, why not Hongkong?

The danger which Hongkong runs today is that it presents itself only as a commercial shop-window, which is but a distorted picture of the British way of life. Mr McAslan paid us too high a compliment when he declared that "Like Hongkong, Glasgow has been built up by the voluntary efforts and hard work of a lot of people." Glasgow has so much more to show for those efforts than Hongkong. The Colony, it is readily admitted, is a shining example of concentrated, wholehearted endeavour to aspire successfully to commercial pre-eminence in the Far East. And it is something of which we need not be ashamed. The only flaw is that relatively little effort has been made to bring its social achievements in line with those of industry and commerce. The British Council and lots of other small organisations are doing their best to raise the cultural, educational and social level of the Colony, but their work is hampered by absence of physical facilities which, after all, represent a prime incentive to such labours. Nor can there be discerned any serious long-term official plan to make good this deficiency. The question of municipal buildings including public library, concert hall, theatre and museum produces, when raised, only sardonic laughter from officialdom. The Abercrombie town planning report, it would seem, has been pigeon-holed, and any serious reference to it now is likely to produce only incredulous smiles that such a project should be taken seriously. In the meantime, Government's credit balance as between revenue and expenditure continues to grow apace, with never a thought that at least some of it might be put aside for, say, just one public library. It is to be feared that it will be a very long time before Hongkong can be compared with Glasgow.

Briton And American To Go On Trial

Budapest, Feb. 10.—The Hungarian Ministry of Justice announced today that the trial of a British and an American employee of the International Standard Electric Company, arrested last November on espionage and sabotage charges, will open in Budapest on February 17.

The United States placed a ban on travel to Hungary after Mr. Robert Vogler, the American vice-president of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company of New York, was arrested just as he was leaving Hungary to fly to the United States.

Last December Britain suspended trade negotiations with Hungary because the Hungarian authorities had repeatedly refused to allow the British Consul-General in Budapest to see Edward Sanders, the Standard Electric Company's local representative in Budapest, who was arrested with Mr. Vogler.

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PIC-STRIP MAKES A QUIZ FROM A STARTLING NEW BOOK ON ANIMAL LIFE

This shot was taken in 1/10,000th of a second



1 Can you name this farmer's friend? It is found in more places in the world than any other bird.



2 This is a sealion and not a true seal. Why?



3 Panther or leopard?



4 This black baby's expression shows he is a —?



5 The dark background is the clue to this vocalist.

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THIS quiz pic-strip comes from the most ambitious account of animal life attempted since the war. Front-rank photographers like Eric Hosking, who took picture No. 5 with a 1/10,000th-second electronic flash, helped British Museum zoologist Dr Maurice Burton to collect for it more than 1,000 magnificent action pictures.

Picture No. 1 shows a BARN OWL, brought in a vole for its No. 4 is identified by its straight ravenous youngsters. The bird is found in practically every part of the world except the Arctic wastes and New Zealand.

Photographer Hosking had special respect for these nocturnal hunters. The last of his pictures was taken at midnight.

In picture No. 2, a sealion is shown in a pool of water. The sealion is a member of the same family as the true seal, but it is found in the North Atlantic and the North Pacific.

The black panther in picture No. 3 is just a leopard which happened to be born with an overabundance of spots. So though the book is more colorful than the normal leopard, it is not more colorful.

The baby GORILLA in picture No. 4 is identified by its straight ravenous youngsters.

The chimpanzee has outlasted its rivals and has lived long.

Picture No. 5 shows a cock pheasant in a pool of water.

The cock pheasant is a member of the same family as the true pheasant, but it is found in the North Atlantic and the North Pacific.

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SLOW BERNARD WICKSTEED mocks, from a cloud, those who think 1900 was long ago

Fifty Years! But It's Less Than A Wink

WHAT'S all this about half a century?

That's no time at all. Against a background of the stars and seas and terra firma 50 years are only pinpoints.

Here we go looking at the things we've done and the things we've done in the half century it has been when all the time the human race is only a baby in the past.

Do you know that if you were to make a documentary film in

time scale about life since it first appeared on earth and let it run for six hours the human race wouldn't appear till the last half second?

If the first man on earth had built a radio station and broadcast to the universe the news of his safe arrival, the message would only now be reaching the Milky Way.

Incidentally the Milky Way reaches to its every day. It is a stream of light, a wavelength of 100,000 miles, and we pick the waves at 30,000 miles later.

half century is about one-thousandth of an inch.

Mankind is so thinly scattered over the earth (there are more microbes in a cupful of soil than there are people in the world) that no one has even been hit by a meteorite (Meteor when it comes to reach the ground, meteorite when it does).

In 1908 a meteorite that fell in Siberia was so big that it was feared for 80 miles around. At some unrecorded time another fell in Arizona and made a crater 4,000 feet across. Scientists have calculated that it must have weighed a million tons.

This has been going on for 10,000 years but in the last 50—

the last 10 in particular it has suddenly speeded up from Norway to New Zealand, from Greenland to Peru.

The Swiss and the Italians are quite worried. Their hydro electric plants depend on a good supply of glacier water, and they are wondering what they will do if the ice shrinks any more.

In Spitzbergen the average winter temperature is seven degrees higher than it was at the beginning of the century and in Greenland it's so much warmer that the redfish, haddock and halibut are moving to its waters in millions.

(In the long run that won't matter, because Greenland is drifting towards Britain at the rate of 30 yards a year.)

In 50 years man has built a few skyscrapers and dammed some rivers, but in 1943 a volcano, starting from scratch on a Mexican farm, showed what Nature can do when she tries. In one night it raised itself to a height of 25 feet, in

a week to 550 feet, and in six months to 1,500 feet.

Then there's rain. What a weary monster than looks beside rain! Given time, rain alone can wash away continents.

In London 125,000 tons have fallen on every acre since the century began. That's about 25 tons to the average house. If it hadn't drained away the capital would be 104 feet under water now.

Every year the Thames carries five million tons of silt to the sea and half a million tons of dissolved minerals. The Mississippi is moving America at such a rate that in 50 years the mouth of its delta has been pushed five miles out to sea.

Another seven million years of that sort of thing and the United States will be a fishing ground, as indeed it has been, many times before.

You may not believe in a personal God, you may not believe in a wrathful one, but you cannot contemplate facts like these without believing in something.

—(London Express Service)

THE SOIL

SLEEPING down to earth consider the solid ground beneath our feet. We call it our own right for it and let it out on leases of 99 years. To hear man talk you'd think it was something per- manent. That's the sort of out- look you get when you regard 50 years as an epoch or an era.

The truth is that the soil of Britain, Russia, America, and the rest is as transitory in the greater scheme of things as a sandbank in the tide.

Britain has been above the sea and under it again half a dozen times in its history. Right now parts of it are vanishing and new parts appearing.

THE SEA

FIFTY years is too short a time to notice much change. A thousand years is better. In that time the sea has covered 23 towns between Flamborough Head and Spurn Head in Yorkshire.

At Dungeness and Weymouth the land is building up, but the rest is most of the South coast is being washed away at the rate of a foot a century. Round Belfast the coast is sinking, round Dublin it's rising.

In some places you can find maps of the world showing which coasts are rising and which falling. Most of Russia's coastline is on the up and up, so are those of Japan, California, and India.

Europe, from the Baltic to Spain, is going down and with us goes the Atlantic coast of America from Halifax to Florida.

EARTHQUAKES

YOU can make atom bombs and defence pacts till you're blue in the face but it won't make any difference in the long run. Some day the only way for us to rule the waves will be from a submarine.

There's an earthquake somewhere every day, but six times in the history of the earth they have been so great they raised mountains like the Alps and the Himalayas. There's no reason to suppose there won't be another one in 2 million years, and if mankind is still around not a building will be left standing, not a piece of machinery unbroken.

METEORS

PUNY man thinks he knows something about bombardment and boasts of the bombs, rockets, and doodlebugs he has produced in the last 50 years. But that's just bow-and-arrow stuff beside the meteoric bombardment of the earth every day by the heavens.

In 50 years 30,000 million meteors (shooting stars) have been fired at us out of space. About one a day reached the ground. The rest were burned to dust by their impact with the atmosphere.

The remains of meteors, mixed with dust from volcanoes, fall in the sea and build up the bed of the ocean deeps.

It is called red clay and over the aeons the deposits have grown to be many feet thick. The contribution of the current

FIVE MINUTES EACH WEEKEND WITH THE WORLD'S WILDEST MEN

OSCAR WILDE

OSCAR PINGAL O'FARRELL WILDE, born in Dublin, 1856, died in Paris, 1900. During his life he remarked: "I am dying, as I have lived, beyond my means." His life had been extravagant in every sense.

While in Reading Jail he wrote a long letter addressed, but not posted, to Lord Alfred Douglas, on his release in 1897 he handed the letter to Robert Ross, his literary executor, who published parts of it in 1905. The whole is now available under the title DE PROFUNDIS, THE COMPLETE LETTER, edited by Vivian Holland (Corgi).

In it Wilde professes to explain, without degrading his intellect, why he did what he did. It is a masterpiece of elegant, moving, and impressive style, it should not be read without reference to the latest and most informative biography, The Life of Oscar Wilde, by Hesketh Pearson (Methuen).



QUESTIONS are never in- dis- creet. Answers are sometimes are.

ART

THE OPINIONS of the old on matters of art are of no value whatever. The ENGLISH people, as a mass, takes no interest in a work of art until it is told that the work in question is immoral.

ONE touch of nature may make the whole world kin, but two touches of nature will destroy any work of art.

THERE ARE moments when art attains almost to the dignity of manual labour.

KNOWLEDGE and TRUTH THE TRUTH is rarely pure and never simple.

THE VALUE of an idea has nothing whatever to do with the sincerity of the man who expresses it.

THE OLD believe everything the middle aged suspect every- thing, the young know every- thing.

NOWADAYS people know the price of everything, and the value of nothing.

IGNORANCE is like a de- licate exotic fruit, touch it and the bloom is gone.

IT IS perfectly monstrous the way people go about saying things against one behind one's back that are absolutely and utterly true.

ELEMENTARY education insists on the population of places that no one ever wants to go to, and makes one familiar with the lives of people who probably never existed.

A LITTLE SINCERITY is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.

(London Express Service)

MARRIAGE

THE ONE charm of marriage is that it makes a life of decep- tion absolutely necessary for both parties.

WHEN a woman marries again it is because she detested her first husband. When a man marries again it is because he adored his first wife.

IF a couple think about the game they hold all the honours and certainly lose the other side.

IN married households champagne is rarely of a first- rate brand.

MEN marry because they are free; women because they are not.

THE REAL drawback to matrimony is that it makes one unattractive.

MEN and WOMEN

ALL women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That is his.

WOMEN treat us just as humanity treats its gods. They worship us, and are always bothering us to do something for them.

A MAN can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

WOMEN have no appreciation of good looks; at least, good women have not.

THE ONLY difference between a caprice and a lifelong passion is that the caprice lasts a little longer.

WOMEN are meant to be loved—not to be understood.

CRYING is the refuge of plain women but the ruin of pretty ones.

THE ONLY way a woman can reform a man is by boring him so completely that he loses all possible interest in life.

THE WORST of having a romance of any kind is that it leaves one so unromantic.

BOOKS

THE BOOKS that the world calls immoral are books that show the world its own shame.

MOST people know that in the conception of a modern novel crime is a more important ingredient than culture.

ONE should not be too severe on English novels; they are the only relaxation of the intellectu- ally unemployed.

Saturday At The Diamond Horseshoe:

I'll give you just one year

By BILLY ROSE

THIS afternoon I went in for my annual check-up, and after probing me here and tapping me there the doctor pointed me to a tolerably good shape.

"What are my chances of living to be a hundred?" I asked.

The medico grinned. "Even if I know I wouldn't tell you," he said, "A while back I told a patient he had only a year to live, and now he's threatening to sue me for a hundred thousand dollars."

"I'll swap you a pair of theatre tickets for the yarn," I said.

"Fair enough," said the doctor. "Two years ago, a well-known

toy manufacturer came in for a check-up, and when I looked at his cardiogram I couldn't figure out what was holding him up.

"For a quarter century he has been working around the clock in a highly competitive business, eating all the wrong things and drinking more than he could handle to relieve the tension. In addition, he confessed he had no special use for his wife and vice versa."

"I told him how critical his condition was and that, barring a miracle, he didn't figure to live more than a year."

"The toy man thanked me for being honest with him, and the following month I heard he had sold his business, divorced his

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C.V.R. Thompson Huntin' dollars

NEW YORK. LANGUAGE, a little fruitier than "Yolcks" and "Tally-ho" may be heard in Britain's hunting fields this season.

As part of the dollar drive, visitors from the U.S. are to be invited to take part in the chase. They will get a booklet with their steamer tickets telling them how to go about it.

Hint No. 1: Get in touch with the hunt secretary, who will advise where to hire a horse and explain some of the subtler customs of the hunting field.

Hint No. 2: Don't worry if your mount is not a thoroughbred. Many of your companions will be happily mounted on anything from a long-haired cob to a carthorse.

Hint No. 3: It is all right with the hunt if you follow by car, bicycle, or afoot.

Hint No. 4: Dress—a non-committal riding habit will do.

HOME from an inspection tour of Britain, newspaper owner Mr. C. B. Lutz, of Sharon, Pennsylvania, bet a rival newspaper proprietor 50 dollars that the Socialists would lose the election. Says Mr. Lutz: I talked with Labour leaders, clerks, housewives, and men in the street.

NO MORE income-tax cuts for years is the prediction of Congress Opposition leader Joseph Martin.

CHEERS by the U.S. Navy because its pride, the battleship Missouri, had been refloated after a fortnight on the Virginia mudbanks, soon died away. "Bug Me" was hardly about again when Congressman Carl Vinson, head of the Armed Services Committee, suggested she should be retired.

Said he: "Battleships are not much use any more. Send an aircraft carrier in its place."

PASSENGERS diving from New York to Honolulu will be put "in the mood" by Hawaiian music if the airline can settle with the musicians' union what to pay the flying bands.

Should they be paid hotel, night club, or dance hall rates? Or should they get ship musicians' pay? If so, main-deck or lower-deck scale, since the planes are double-deckers?

Settle that and you are still faced with: Which city's standard of pay—New York, Honolulu, or any city over which the planes fly?

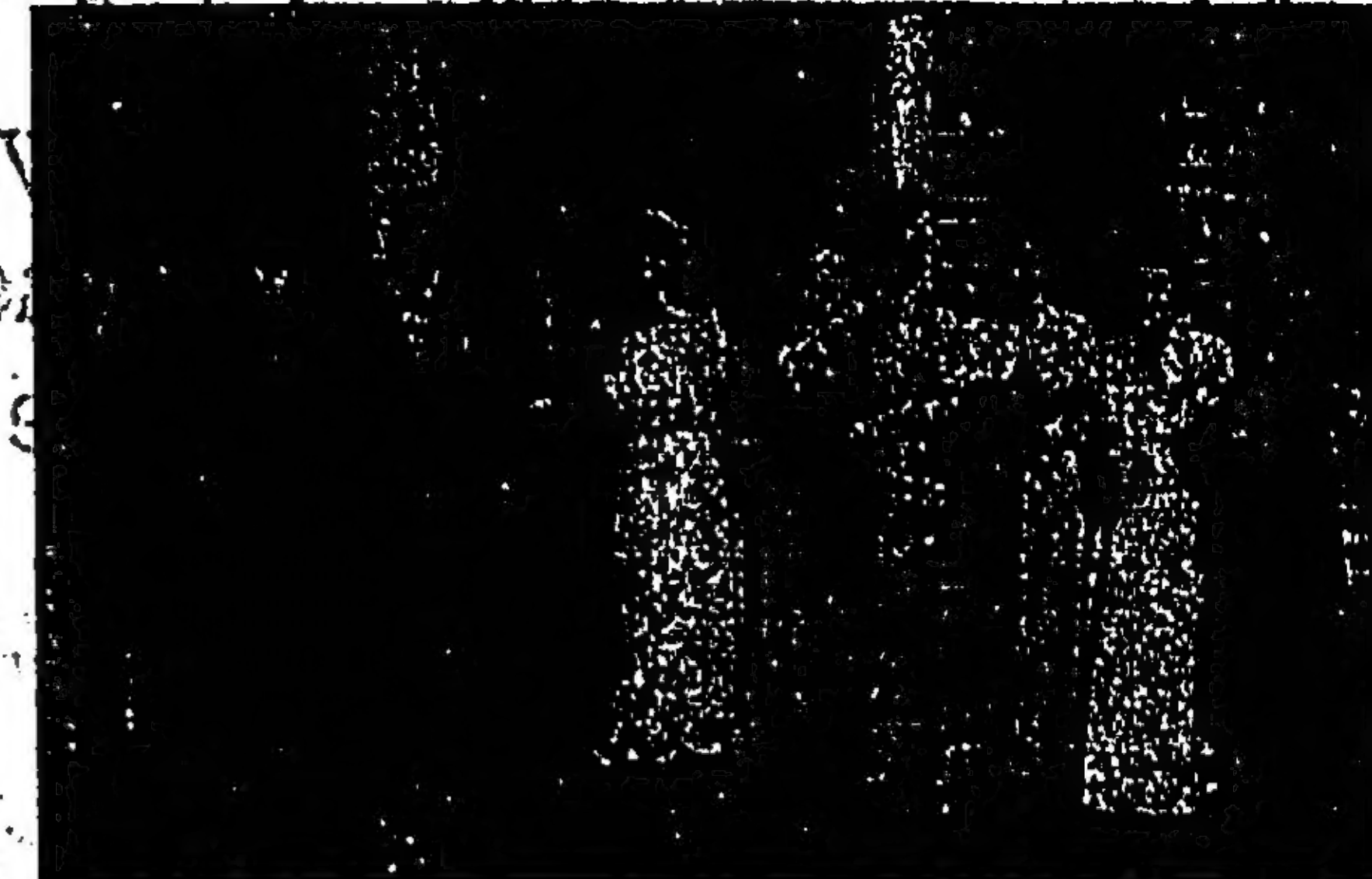
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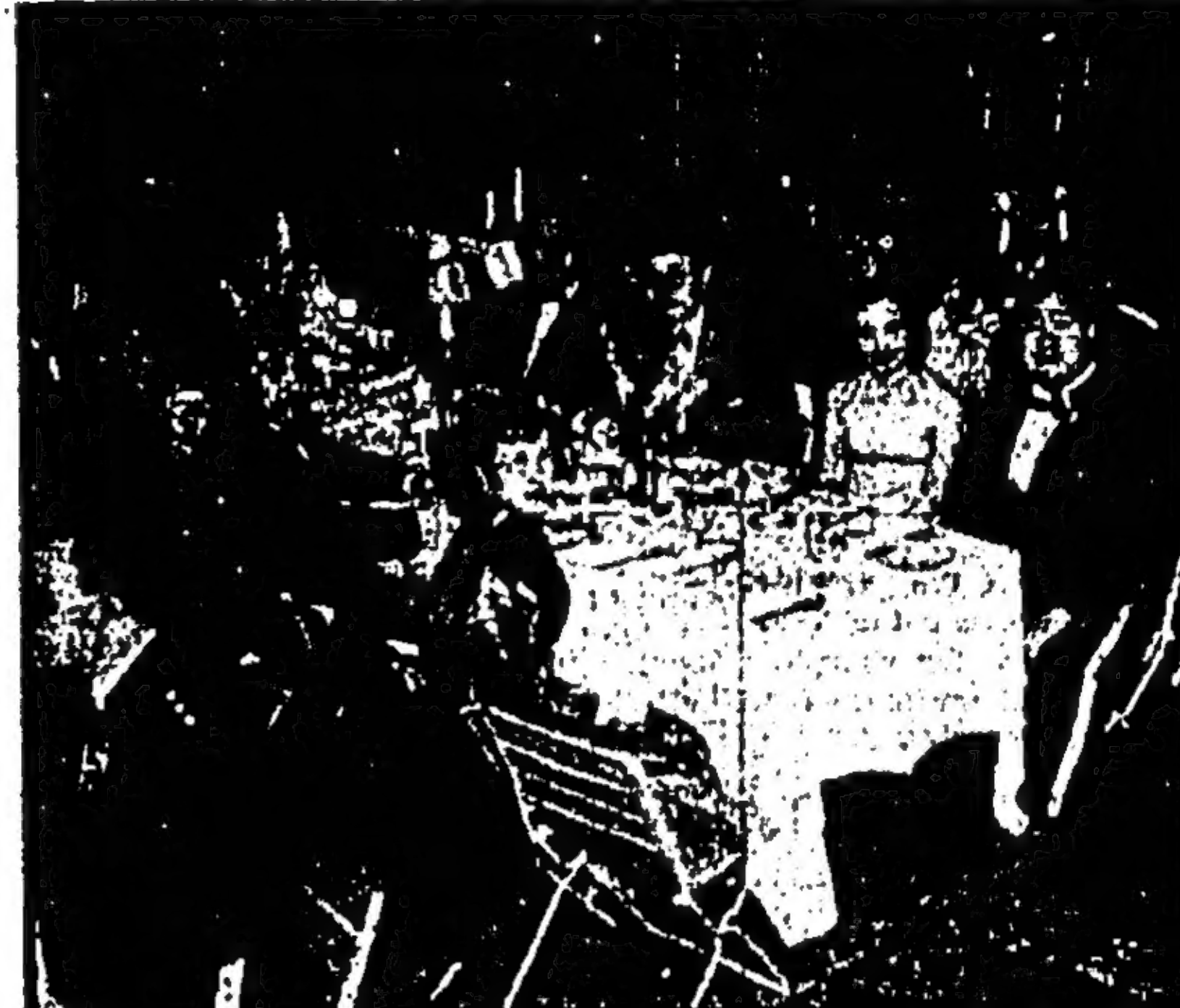
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• LEFT: Mr and Mrs Peter Yau and friends after their wedding at the Rosary Church last week. (Mayfair)

GROUP picture taken at St Andrew's Church last Saturday after the wedding of Mr Harold R. Sauer and Miss Eleanor Jean Morris. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

ON the second anniversary of the attainment by Ceylon of Dominion status, members of the Ceylon Association of Hongkong gathered at the Peninsula Hotel to celebrate the occasion last Saturday. The meeting also marked the second birthday of the Association. Mr D. O. Silver, who was re-elected President, is seen addressing the gathering in the picture above. Right: group photo of members of the Association. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR W. H. Lu receiving a bronze medal for 25 years' service with the Eastman Kodak Company. Presenting the medal is Mr R. M. Gordon, Far East manager of the Company. Mr G. E. Frisquo, Hongkong manager, is on the right. (Mayfair)

THE annual ball of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, held at the Hongkong Hotel last week, was a brilliant social occasion. Above are two parties of St John officers and their guests. Right: HE the Governor and Lady Grantham greeted by officials of the Association on their arrival. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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MRS R. E. Leo presenting prizes for bowls competitions at the Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday evening. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



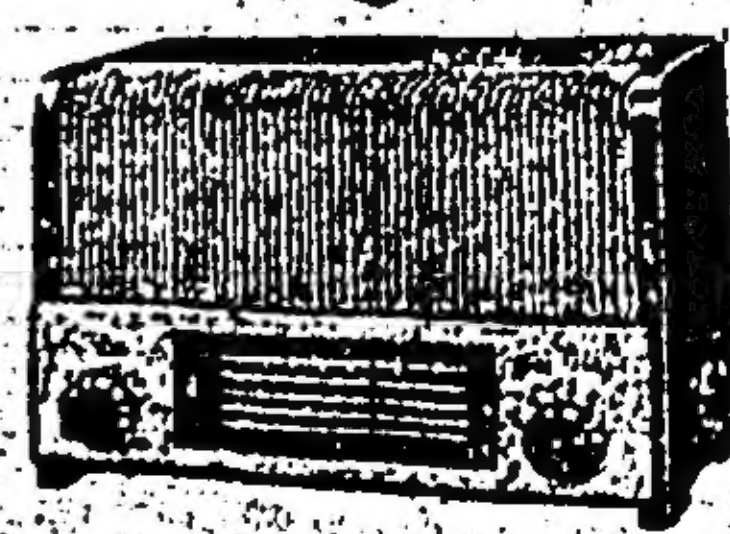
ONE of the many races in progress at the children's sports organised by Indian merchants of Hongkong in connection with the inauguration of the Indian Republic. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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A girl in
yellow
heralds
the spring

PARIS.
AT 11.10 one morning a blonde mannequin, built on Lana Turner lines, lounged down an orange-carpeted ramp in a yellow coat—and sent the fashion wheels spinning for six more months.

For this was the first model of the first show of the first day of the Paris spring collections.

Five hundred pairs of eyes turned to the Pierre Balmain mannequin.

SHE WEARS IT

She was dressed in yellow—the season's new favourite colour.

Her coat was shorter—(10ins. from the ground). Her skirt was straight and narrow, and her blouse was sleeveless.

Her waist was small, and her little yellow straw hat was pulled down on to one cheek.

To English eyes, the clothes divide themselves into the kind you could achieve for yourself, and the kind that are more fun to see in someone else.

I'LL WEAR IT

IN CATEGORY ONE Suits with plain, straight skirts and either fitted or blazer jackets. Afternoon dresses made of pleated chiffon. Tailored evening suits in black lace over satin.

Delicate colours pale pink and cream, honey and grey. Short dance dresses made of seven layers of pleated net over a tubular dress of a different colour.

Wide-brimmed black crinoline hats. Cuffs made of cherries.

YOU WEAR IT

IN CATEGORY TWO: all the 1950 fancy dress: Knee-length tubular evening dresses in printed taffeta, especially with long side panels reaching to the ground.

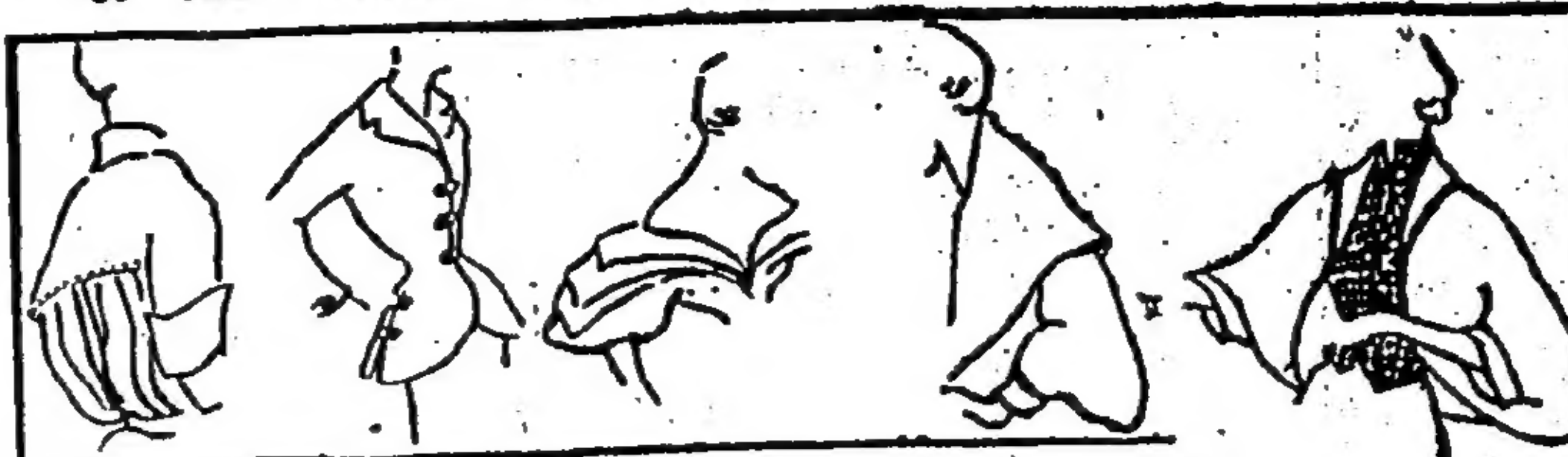
Ear-rings long enough to rest on your shoulder, long amber cigarette holders. Slave bangles.

Chiffon scarves round your waist, your neck, or fastened from your hat to your elbow. Patent leather beach sandals laced up to the knee, with a swimsuit of plastic fligeeves.

Large sloppy hats with brims that bounce as you walk. Belts made of tortoiseshell. Furs dyed blue. Skirts too tight to walk in.

—(London Express Service)

THE COLUMN OF NEWS FOR WOMEN HAS A SPECIAL PREVIEW
OF THE FASHION TENDENCIES IN THE NEW LONDON SHOWS

The newest look
—a TRIANGLE

by EILEEN ASCROFT

WIDTH in collars and bodices, tapering to pencil-skirt skirts, is the new spring line of the London export collections which opened recently.

Mattill showed an attractive new three-layered collar and small gay waistcoats replacing blouses with suits. Dresses had back interest in pleats and fullness and tab fastenings appeared on suits.

The woman who doesn't like a cape jacket with cuffed sleeves. Reminiscent of the 1920s was the deep collar and sloping shoulderline of many of the coats.

Length for day wear remains about the same—between 44in. and 45in. and hats are small, set back off the face.

One lovely contrast was an enormous black cartwheel of black lined with gold, worn with a black linen strapless dress and tiny bolero. Unusual feature of the dress was the wheatsheaf band of embroidery round the skirt, repeated on the bolero.

One strap for evening

EVENING, dinner and cocktail dresses are losing their very naked look and most of them have either tiny sleeves or one shoulder strap.

Culotte-style



Yards of material go to make up this spring 1950 variation of the divided skirt in light and dark brown checked tweed.

—(London Express Service)

This tendency will be welcomed in London, where the strapless cocktail dress has never really become popular. English women seem to feel self-conscious getting into undress before dinner.

Lots of versions of the short evening dress still appear, many in lovely summery organizes, lace and mousseline; with wide,

flaring collars and big puff sleeves.

Overcoats seem to be losing their tent-like appearance at last, and many were fitted to the waist.

Shopping habits

ONE young designer who will not be showing his own collection this spring is Scottish-born, 30-year-old Clive Duncan.

He tells me that it is practically impossible for a designer today to maintain an individual couture business without big reserves of capital. Although his regular clients numbered between 400 and 500, Mr. Duncan has given up his own business and joined the firm of Mercia as one of their designers.

Dropping incomes and the change of shopping habits are important difficulties for the couturier.

Another obstacle is that a retail couture business must pay its purchase tax quarterly, whereas many clients' accounts often run a year before settlement.

Welcome signs that women intend to stand on their own feet in this election and make up their own minds about their votes, independently of their husbands, are already appearing.

Mrs. Lavender Dower, prospective Conservative candidate for the colliery of Deane Valley constituency of West Riding, tells me that women are coming to her meetings in increasing numbers, many of them on their own without their husbands.

The subjects about which they feel most strongly are undoubtedly housing and food.

Gay walls

SINCE restrictions on wall-papers were recently removed, decorators report a boom of room-papering. Women who have been unable to have their rooms papered through the war years are going gay with the new striped, spotted and damask designs.

Grey seems to rival cream as the favourite shade, and pastel tones are most often chosen, although the new darker greens and maroons, with cream stripes, are being bought.

Some of the more unusual designs this season include a pattern of jungle tigers and a pastoral tapestry scene of shepherds and shepherdesses.

One of the prettiest is of trailing green vines of ivy on a pale grey background.

As a background for pictures, a plain paper is best, but a

patterned paper can give great interest and warmth to a large room without much furniture and plain carpet and curtains.

In these days of few nannies and little domestic help many young couples are unable to plan holidays abroad because of small children, and relatives are often unwilling or unable to take charge for several weeks at a time.

For these people a children's hotel may be the answer. One of these special hotels for young people is only six miles from the sea and also has the produce and pleasure of farm life for the children.

I know that many parents feel reluctant to leave very young children with strangers, however competent they may be, but there's a lot to be said for families having a rest from themselves sometimes.

A well-known children's psychologist said to me recently: "If mothers and children could have a rest from one another at intervals there'd be fewer neurotic women and maladjusted children."

About women

CHILLY New Yorkers can buy polka-dot cotton flannellette booties to match their pyjamas or nightgowns.

Cost is only 4s. extra and may inspire English manufacturers to follow suit.

Only one in ten of the inventions for making housework easier sent in to the Inventor's Club come from women. Men seem to worry more about kitchen discomforts than women do themselves.

Joan Gilbert of television is wearing a pair of novel gold earrings made like tiny cages, each containing two miniature poker dice.

The Duchess of Kent's beautiful new Rolls has an adjustable face mirror hidden in the armrest. Other luxury gadgets include a writing table, radio, locker for gloves or valuables, fitted cigarette box and golden St. Christopher.

Summer shoe styles will have lots of colour. One popular low-heeled court model, in suede, will be available in blue, pink, red, yellow and green.

Sticky weather ahead

FOR sticky days there is a lotion that 'protects' complexions against cold winds, that won't run in rain or snowstorms, and a nourishing hair cream which helps to counteract the wind and the rain.

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Proper Corset Is Important



A foundation garment makes a good figure look even better, says Movie Star Elizabeth Scott. It is particularly important to look trim in an evening gown, she adds.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF you desire to have a "fine figure" get a correctly cut-and-fitted foundation garment that will whittle down the waist line, confine spreading hips and make you feel that you're keeping up youth and style.

The material may be of brocade, heavy rayon, or cotton with elastic inserts. For extra weighty customers they include heavy boning and lacing. They provide figure support and perfect control.

Long Line

On the woman of normal proportions, the corset will give a long, unbroken line to the silhouette, on the skinny sister it will nip in the waistline to accent breasts and hips by contrast. What clever designers have done along these lines is something like magic.

Waist indentation is achieved in girdles and corsets by building them up above the waist line from two to three inches. And there are other devices for making the waist appear slender. In some garments a hidden elastic band, belting the feminine equator, acts as an effective waist nipper.

Closings of different types give different controls. Corsets with lacing permit women to tighten them according to their figure needs and comfort. A hook-closing enables women to wrap the garment around the body for a flattening effect over the abdominal area. Zippers make them easy to get into and out of without stretching them unduly.

Even more important than style and line is comfort. When, during the fitting, the garment has been adjusted, walk around, stretch, sit down. No matter what your movements, it should

Reversible Ensemble



By Vera Winston

SHOWN, here, is a suit that is well matched and a good mixer, each piece being excellent on its own. The skirt and a loose boxy jacket are of fine gray Linton tweed. The skirt is very straight with a slit seam down the front. The jacket is reversible, gray, with orange and gray checked tweed collar revers and lining. On the reverse side it has a gray collar. A little weskit of the check has a scooped out neckline. The blouse is of white tissue faille.

New Silhouette
Influencing
Hosiery Tones

THE new silhouette is shorter, slimmer, straighter, thus influences the importance of the right hosiery shade because it reveals more of the leg.

The silhouette carried over the bare top fashion of last year, is new in its sophisticated silhouette. One of the most important bare top fashion is the bandeau with a cool cover-up. This points to the need for flattering suntan tones in hosiery to "match" the suntan revealed by bare tops.

The midday blouse look is another silhouette to watch. This has a pleated skirt to ease the straight look. Pleats draw attention to the legs in a skirt that has motion.

Hosiery colours are likely to be influenced by two factors, that of becoming skin tones, and that of the costume.

One dress—three cities

ANNE EDWARDS
follows a fashion around
Paris—London—New York

PARIS.
THE opening of the Paris fashion spring offensive was to begin. And the night previous to the big day the fifteen top Paris houses scheduled to show their collections for the week were working late to get the clothes finished for the world premiere.

Among them was Captain Edward Molynaux—one of the few names in fashion which have a world-wide reputation and the only one who dresses women in all three main fashion capitals—London, Paris, and New York.

Is there so much difference in the way women of these three countries dress?

"Yes," said Molynaux. "There is a great deal of difference. It is not in the clothes, they wear but in the way they wear them. Not in the dress—often they all choose the same model—but in the accessories, the hats, the climate, and the outlook.

"A dress worn by a Frenchwoman is one thing. The same dress on an American or a British woman is something quite different.

"Take a simple example like this plain, wool frock, with its taffeta cravat. That dress sold equally well in all three countries. But when I see it on a Frenchwoman it is one thing; on an American or an English woman it is quite another."

These are the main differences:

STYLISH.
1 IN PARIS SHE is extreme—to her the latest fashion



Drawings
by
ROBB

is the smartest. SHE cares more about being stylish than being practical. So SHE has the frock in an odd sophisticated colour—or perhaps in black with the scarf in lime green and olive. SHE wears the new large sailor's delicate black gloves and the new Louis heeled shoes.

PRACTICAL.
2 IN LONDON SHE is essentially practical—even rich and elegant women consider first

PARIS

Left: Garnished with
sailor hat and black
gloves.

LONDON

Centre: It must last,
needs a coat with it.

NEW YORK

Right: Must be
crisp and cool—say
in navy silk.



plain court shoes—nothing too extreme.

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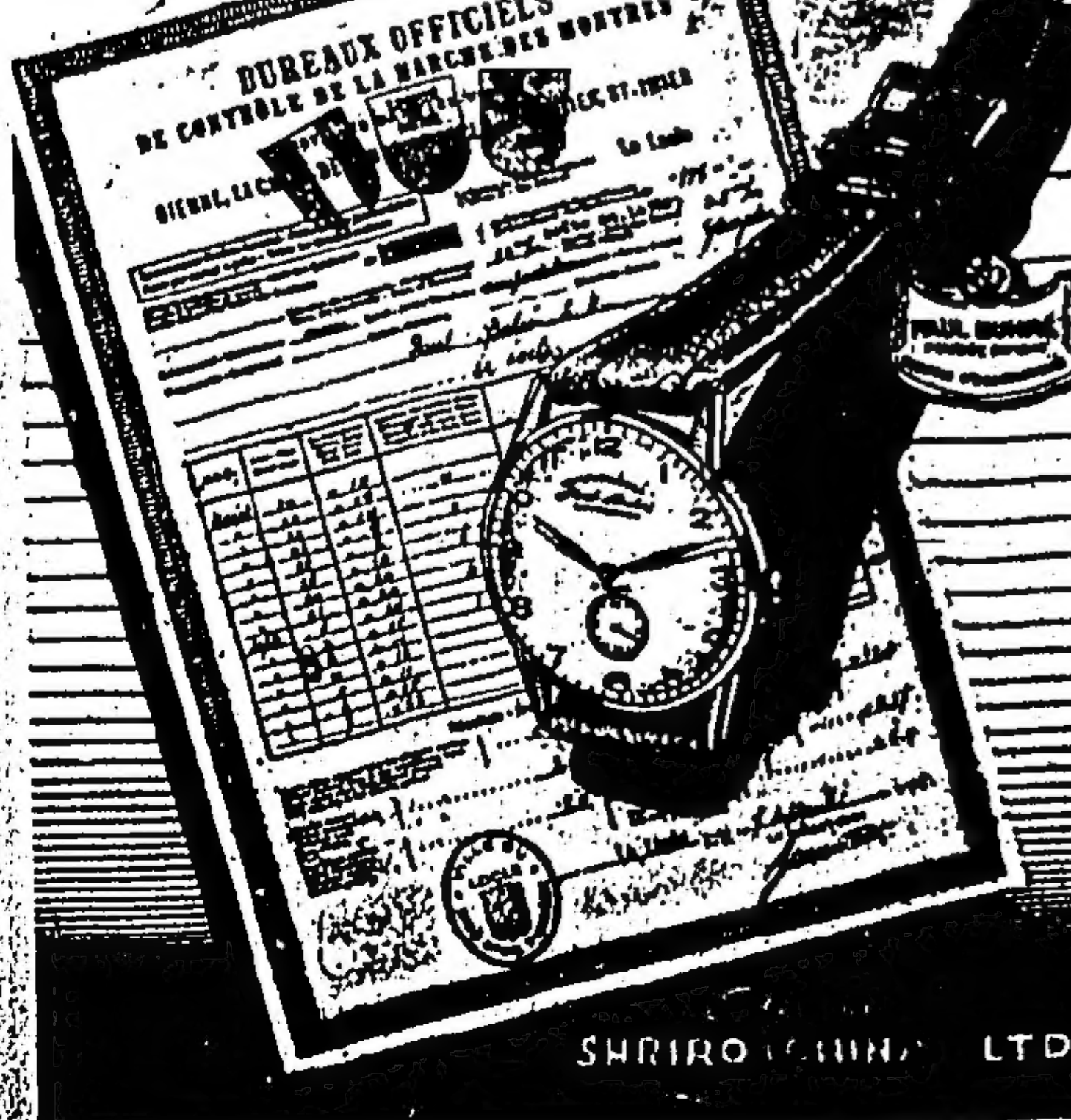
3 IN NEW YORK SHE likes to look crisp, and to be cool. SHE has definite preferences for box jackets and white accessories. SHE loves navy blue and hats tipped back from her head. So SHE wears the dress in navy silk, the hat and gloves in white pique, the shoes, very low or very high heeled.

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COLD INSIDE



Baby, it's cold, inside.... swimwear for a chilly night, Swedish model Britt Colting displays this white satin latex bathing costume at the Dorchester.

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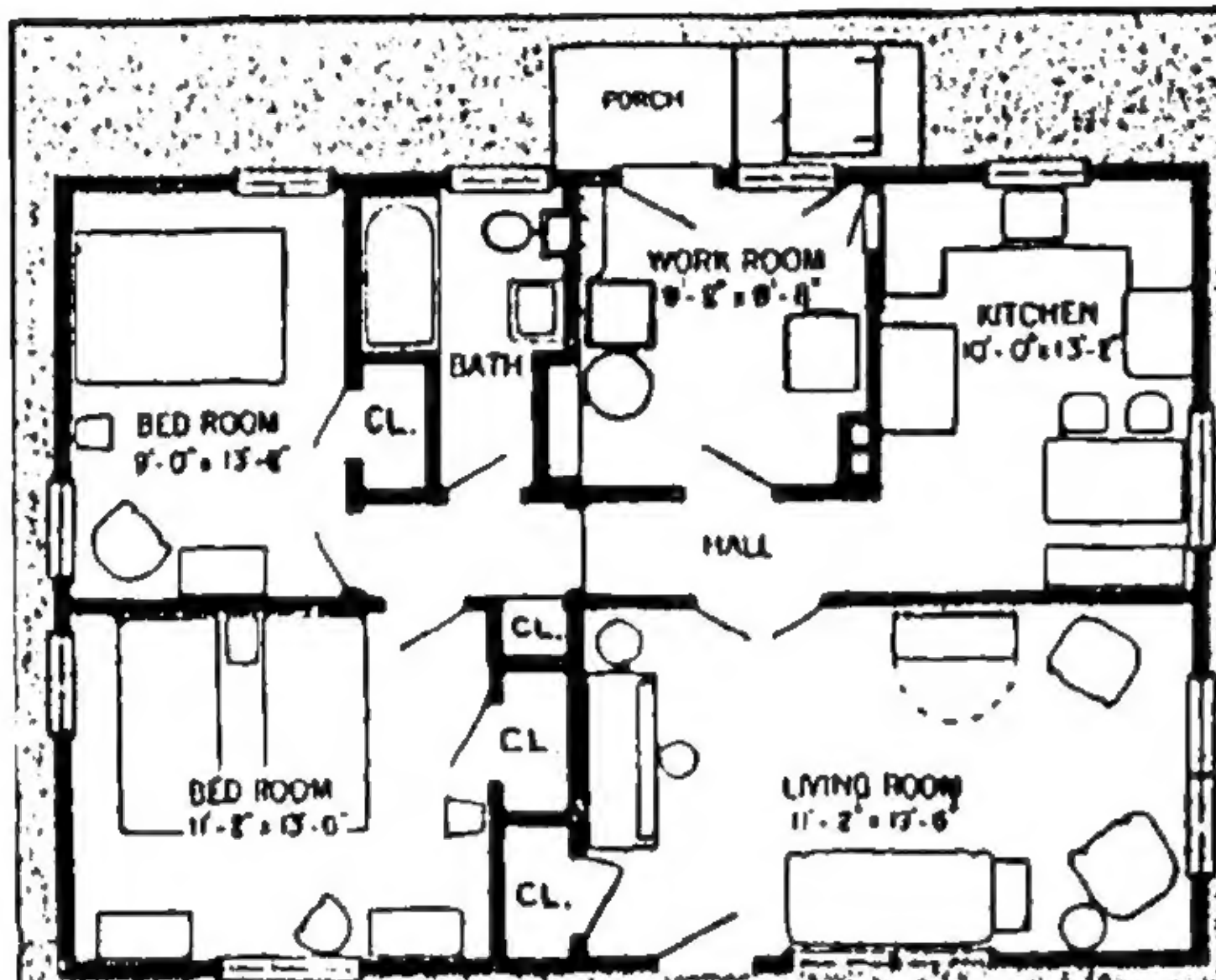
"A CITY APARTMENT IN A COUNTRY COTTAGE" is what the architect who designed it calls this snug little home, planned to make life enjoyably simple for the woman who lives in it. A wide choice of exterior finish is suggested—clapboard, shingle, stucco, brick or concrete block.

By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

As houses go, and whether they're little or big, there's nothing more satisfactory than a neat square plan. Rooms in such houses are easy to furnish and arrange, and they invariably have a delightfully cheery look.

Here is a neat house, small and all on one floor, the square compact type.

Its architect calls it "a city apartment in a country cottage." It has its four main rooms—living room, two bedrooms and kitchen with dining space at the four corners of the house, with all that implies in light and cross-ventilation. An extra room at the back is a utility room. If it was desired to make this room into a third bedroom, the new type floor furnace equipment could be installed in the hall, and other utility equipment in the kitchen.



THE CONVENIENT SQUARE FLOOR plan insures lots of light, as well as cross-ventilation, for all main rooms by giving each a corner spot.

Safeguarding Your Child From Swallowing Foreign Objects

By G. Cleveland Myers, Ph.D.

YOU may often read news-papers of a baby or young child rushed to a hospital for the removal of some strange object which he has swallowed and which has lodged in his gut, windpipe, lungs, stomach or intestines.

There was a year in Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago, alone, 88 such operations were performed on children whose food or air passages were blocked by the swallowing of "foreign bodies." All these were removed through the mouth without the making of an incision; an almost magical performance known as bronchoscopy whereby the operator looks directly into the gut, windpipe, or stomach through a lighted tube and removes the object through this tube.

THE foreign bodies included seeds of orange, watermelon or pumpkin, orange peel, olive pits, pieces of candy, toys, aeroplanes, toy soldiers, buttons, collar buttons, teeth, bones, military decorations, tacks, nails, staples, hairpins, straight pins, safety pins, nuts, fourteen safety pins, ten peanuts, eleven coins.

The most dangerous thing for parents of young children to do is to leave lying around an open safety pin. Dr. Chevalier

of Philadelphia, considered the father of bronchoscopy, says that out of more than 600 safety pins he has removed from the interior of children not more than a dozen were closed.

Until recent years, nine out of ten children and adults with foreign objects lodged in their lungs died eventually of infection. Thanks to the science of bronchoscopy, the fatalities now are less than one out of a hundred. One or more of the general hospitals of big cities are equipped for this work.

NOT nearly all the foreign objects get lodged in dangerous places. Sometimes the larynx closes so as to keep the object from going further, and the cough reflex expels many an object which slips by this guard. Getting into the gut, the object may pass down through the stomach and intestines and out in the normal way.

In addition to eternal vigilance, the parent should win the youngster's co-operation at giving her small things he finds on the floor. I know some mothers who cut a slit in a closed coffee tin, drop into it some small articles from the floor, rattle the tin and thus induce the little tyke to do likewise. It's great fun for him to look for things and see them disappear magically through the slit.

If your child should swallow any foreign object or a poison, call your doctor or hospital. Of course, it is wise to think out while all is well just what to do in case such an emergency arose, resolving to keep your head.

Radioactive Drugs Used to Aid Pet Animals

CHICAGO.—Radioactive substances now are being used to give longer and better life to pets.

The American Veterinary Medical Association announced that one of the first studies shows that doses of radioactive iodine can be used to measure glandular activity in dogs.

A new drug, protomone, was given a group of young English bulldogs at Michigan State College. Then scientists injected radioactive iodine into the glands and noted its passage with Geiger-Muller counters.

They said the dogs using the drug grew faster and matured earlier than other dogs.—United Press.

Left-Overs 'In Disguise'

By ALICE DENHOFF

HERE today, gone tomorrow is the sacred story of the best left-overs. Sorry that we have to harp so much on the left-over theme, but high prices make it a necessity. So here are some good recipes, dishes so good, so hearty, that it is difficult to believe that they utilize left-over meat.

If the larder yields enough for a cup of cubed roast beef, then prepare delicious beef-potato puffs. Combine 3 c. cubed roast beef, 1 c. cubed potatoes (heat in double boiler if cold left-over potato is used) one medium, grated onion, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. prepared horseradish and few grains of cayenne. Beat one egg, add to 1/2 c. milk and stir into potato mixture. Fold in one c. cubed roast beef. Fill into buttered custard cups or muffin tins, dot with butter or margarine and bake in 400 F. oven 20 to 25 min., or until well heated through and brown on top. Serve with brown beef gravy or tomato sauce. Serves 4.

Curried Veal

Left-over veal stars in a fine curried veal in rice ring recipe. To serve 6-7 try 1 1/2 c. finely chopped apples and one minced onion in 3 tsp. lard for 3 min. Stir in 1 to 1 1/2 tsp. curry powder and 4 tsp. flour; add 1 1/2 c. each veal stock and milk, stirring until mixture thickens. Season to suit. Add 2 1/2 c. cooked veal, cubed. Simmer until well seasoned through, about 10 min. Meanwhile cook 2 c. rice in 4 quarts water to which 1/2 tsp. salt has been added. Drain, rinse with a little hot water and pack into an oiled ring mould. Turn out onto hot platter and fill centre with the curried veal.

Vegetable and ham on cornmeal waffles is a dish made from left-over ham that none should scorn. It is a fine-tasting fare, hearty and a little out of the ordinary. Melt 4 tsp. fat, add 3 to 4 tsp. flour; stir until smooth. Add 2 c. milk, cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Season to taste, then fold in one beaten egg. Add 2 c. cubed cooked ham, 3 chopped hard-cooked eggs and one c. cooked green beans broken up. Heat 10 min.; serve over waffles.

Drink Escort

What to do to make best use of left-over egg white and left-over yolks is always a big question with the good, careful housewife who refuses to waste even a smidgen of fine food. So here is a batch of egg yolk suggestions.

If the leechbox yields one left-over yolk, then cook it until it is hard. Place it in a custard cup and set cup in pan of hot water; simmer over low heat for 15-20 min. Chill. When ready to use press yolk through sieve and use as a garnish on salty crackers. It makes a nice drink escort.

Paradise Pudding owes some of its goodness to egg yolks, two of them, to be specific. Cream together 2 tsp. softened butter or margarine and 1/4 c. confectioners' sugar. Add 2 egg yolks, one at a time, beating until smooth. Whip 1/2 c. heavy cream until stiff; add one c. drained crushed pineapple and 1/4 c. chopped walnut meats. Fold in enough graham crackers to make one c. fine crumbs. Place 1/3 c. crumbs in layer on bottom of a 9x5x3-inch loaf dish; cover with first mixture. Top with another 1/3 c. crumbs, then spread the whipped cream layer, topping with remaining crumbs. Chill several hours. Serves 4-6.

Paint Brushes Need Pampering

By Bob Scharff

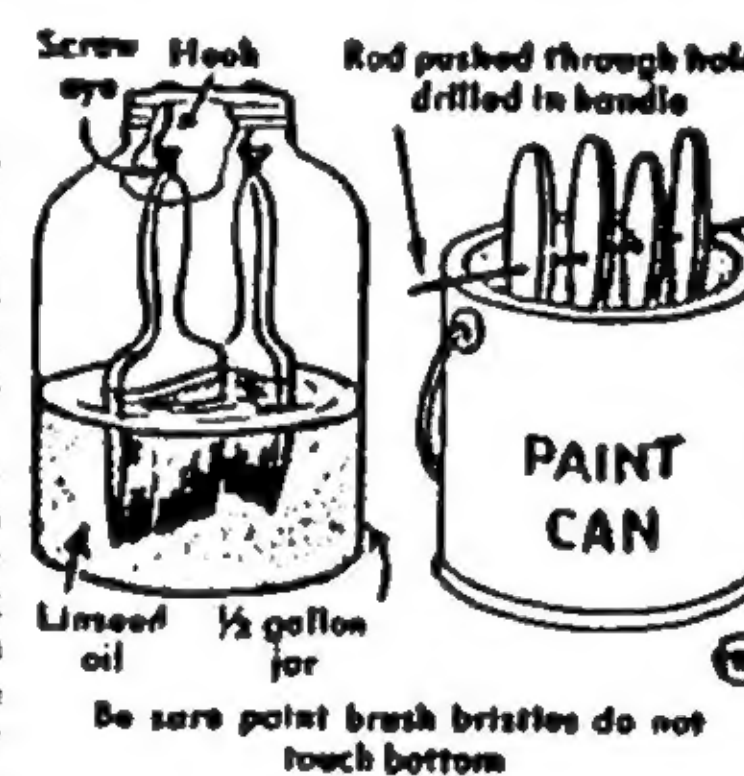
TO do a paint job at home, you must use a professional tool—a good brush. If well cared for, a good brush will last for years and will do a smoother job easier than a cheap brush.

When a new brush is purchased it should be broken in before you use it. Stand the new brush in raw linseed oil for at least 12 hours. When ready to use, remove all the oil from the bristles. This can be done by pressing the flat side of the brush against a wire fastened across the top of the paint pot. Then, with the handle between the palms of both hands, twist the brush to throw off the remaining oil.

Original Shape

Straighten the bristles and smooth them back to their original shape. Ready for use, the brush now has a protective oil coating which allows the paint to flow through it more easily, and it can be cleaned more readily.

After the job has been completed and the brush is to be put away, clean it thoroughly in the proper cleaning fluid. Brushes used in oil paints, enamels or varnish should be cleaned in turpentine, while those used in shellac must be



cleaned with alcohol. Brushes used in water paints, calcimine or whitewash should be washed thoroughly in warm running water and then dipped in a solution of vinegar and cold water.

Spinning Method

Remove all the cleaning fluid by the spinning method described above, and wrap the brush in heavy paper after straightening bristles. Stand the wrapped brush in the brush "keep" containing sufficient linseed oil to overflow into the wrapper. Allow it to remain for at least 72 hours. Then remove and place additional paper over the oiled wrapper. Store the brush in some cool place, resting the brush on its flat side.

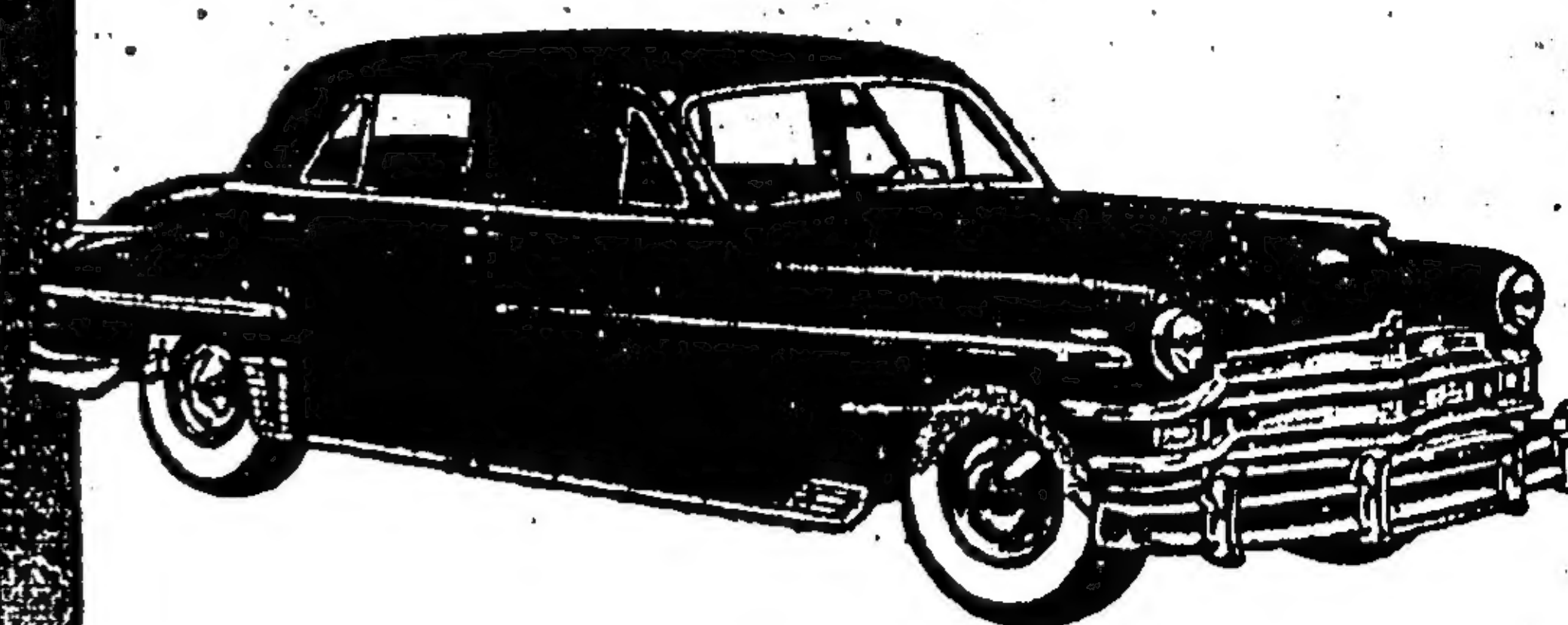
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New Process Makes Better Apple Pies

GENEVA, N.Y.—Food scientists at the state agriculture experiment station have developed a method of improving the texture of apples to insure firmer slices for pie making.

The process consists of dipping the sliced apples in a solution containing a calcium salt for half to three-quarters of an hour, after which the slices are rinsed with water. They can be used immediately or may be frozen or frozen for later use.

Calcium lactate was found to be especially well suited for the process. A solution containing two ounces of calcium lactate in a gallon of water proved sufficient to treat at least half a bushel of sliced apples. "It should be emphasized," station scientists said, "that calcium firming will work best with apples which are just slightly softer than they should be for pie making, and that it may not give entirely satisfactory results with over-ripe, mealy fruit."—United Press.

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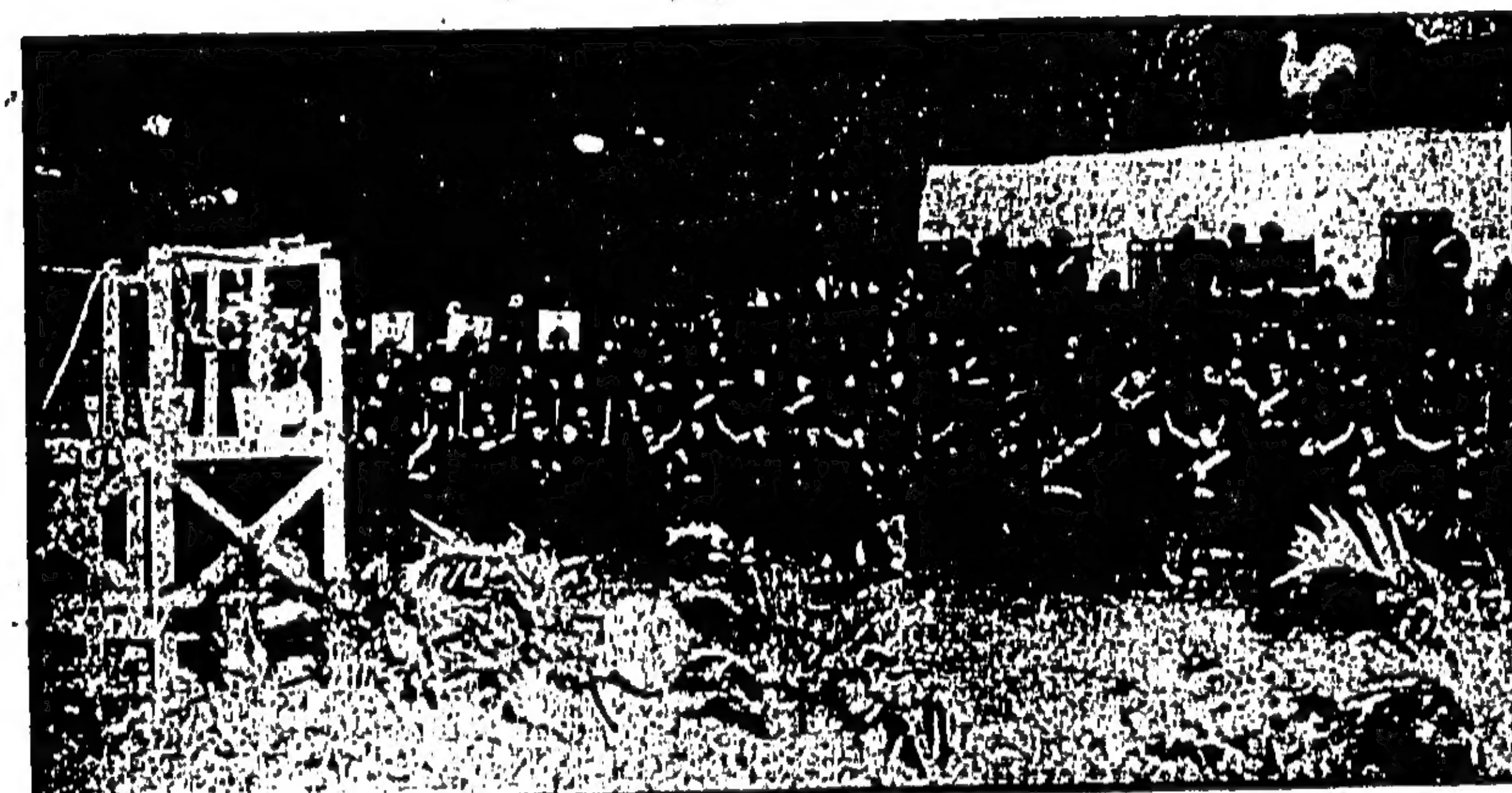
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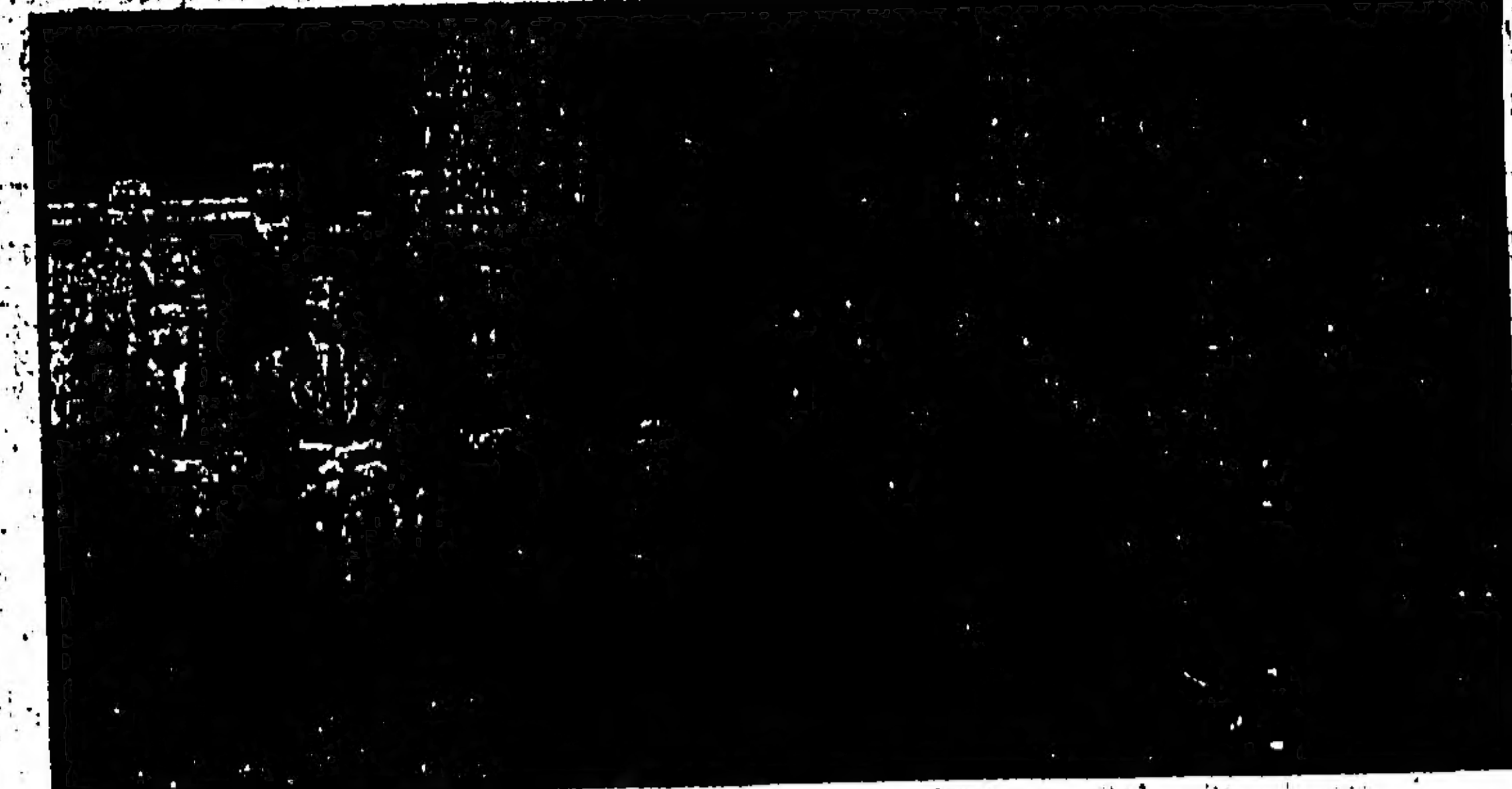
THE annual graduation ceremony of the Rural Training College at Ping-shan was held last week. Above is a group picture of the graduates together with the Principal, Mr Wong Kwok-fong, and guests. Above right: Mr Wong reading his report. Left: some of the students of the College tending their vegetable patches. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Leslie Richard Wood and his bride, the former Miss Marion Joyce Scott. They were married at the Registry last week. (Ming Yuen)



SCENE at the Boundary Street football ground last week when the Massed Bands and Pipes and Drums of 40 Infantry Division gave a concert. There were 280 musicians taking part. The concert will be repeated at Sookunpoo on the coming Wednesday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



PICTURE shows members of the newly-elected Hongkong University Students' Union Council. The President, Mr Peter C. Wong, is seated in centre of group. (Ming Yuen)



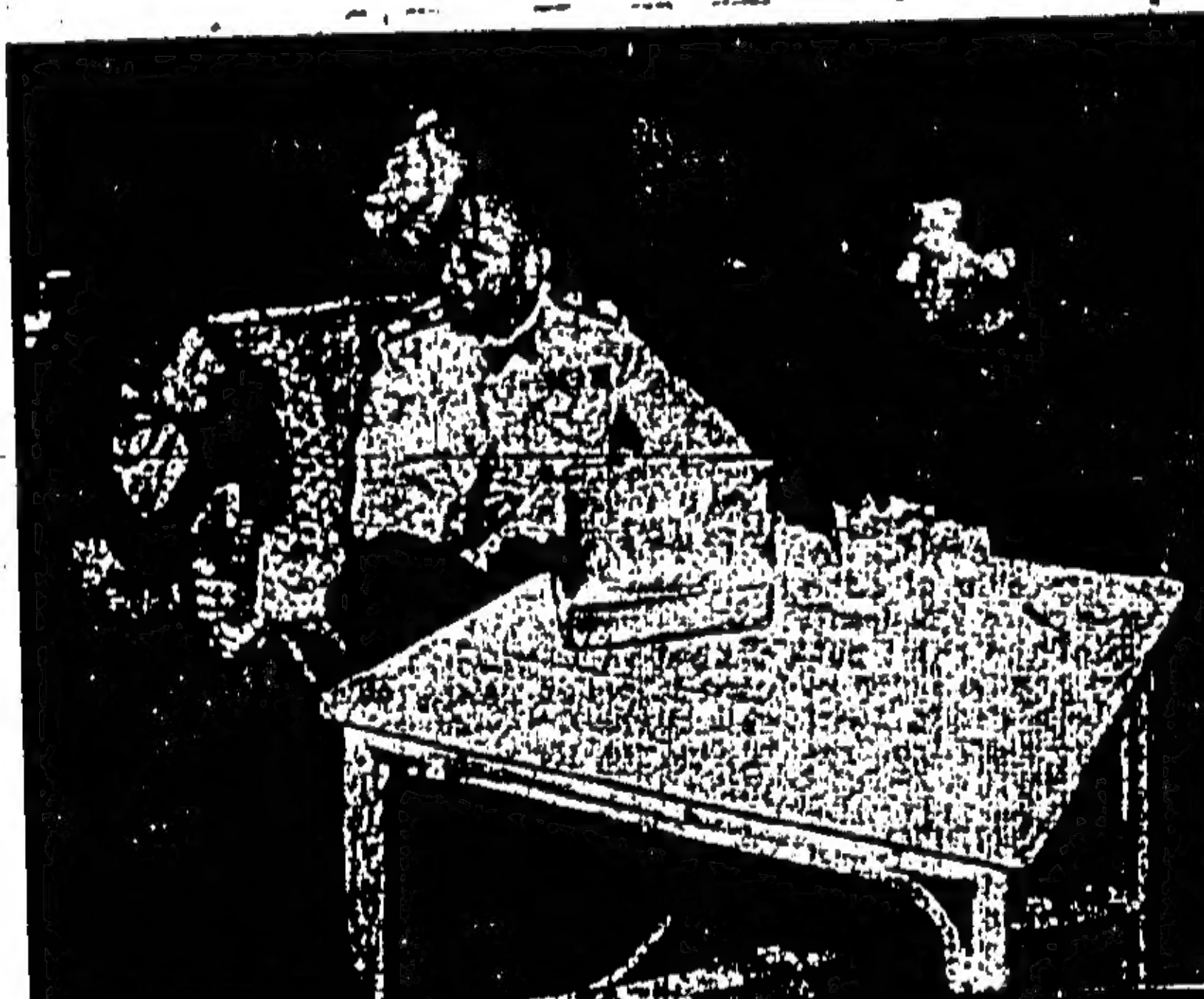
PICTURE taken on the occasion of a welcome party given by past students of Maryknoll Convent School in honour of Sister Mary Paul on her recent visit to Hongkong. (Ming Yuen)



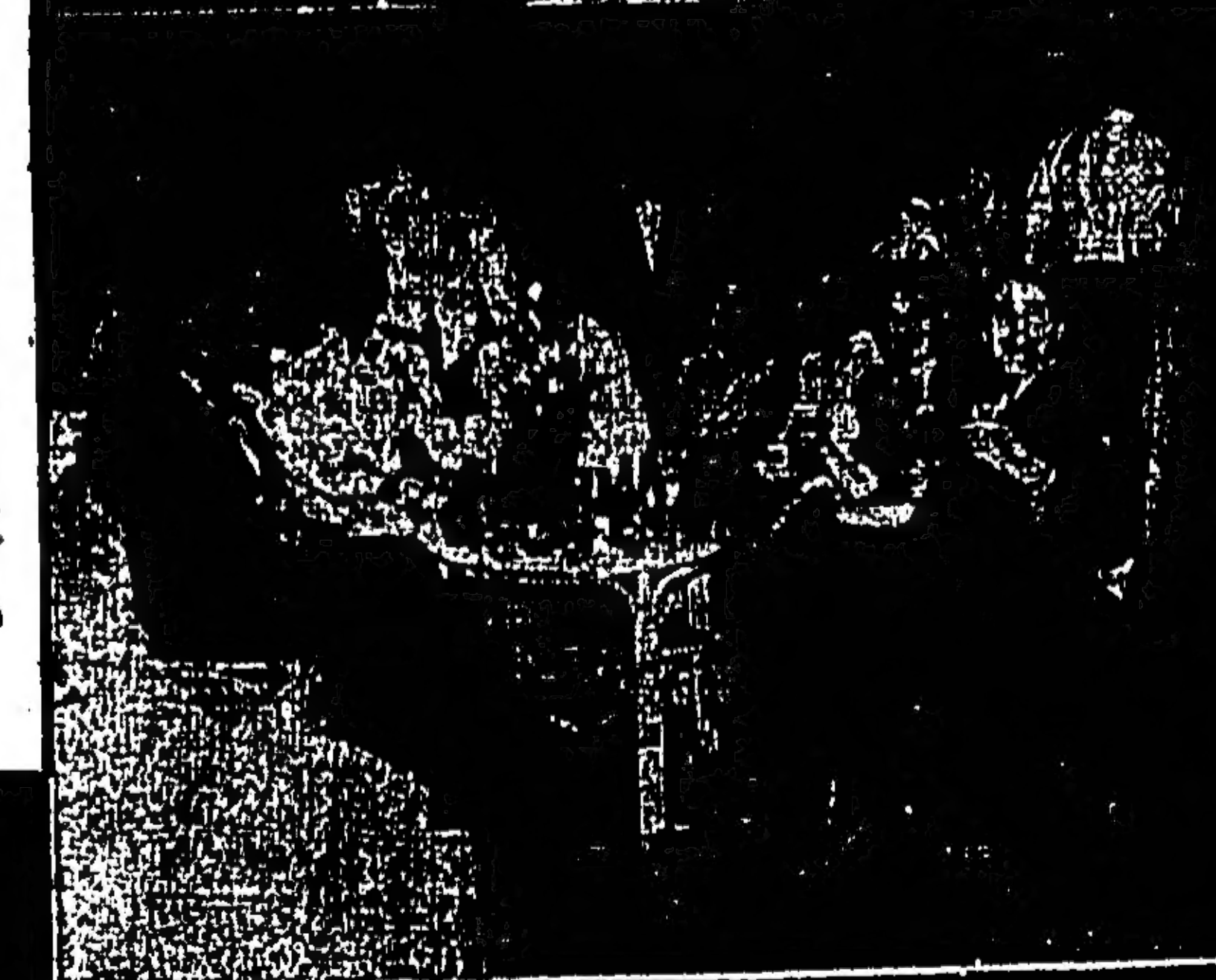
WINNERS of the Rugby Cup tournament are Hongkong Football Club. Here is the winning team, photographed after last Saturday's game, with the captain, Dermott Nolan, holding the Cup. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



ABOVE, at right and below are five pictures taken at the Royal Air Force ball, held at the Nine Dragons Club last week. At upper right are seen Rear-Admiral W. G. Andrews and Brig. M. S. K. Maunsell. Below: the GOC in-C, Liout-Gen. Sir Robert Mansergh, chats with friends. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR D. W. Macintosh, Commissioner of Police, was the guest speaker at the first of a series of monthly dinners sponsored by Ricci Hall for the benefit of the Hongkong University as a whole. Mr Macintosh spoke on "The World As I See It." (Ming Yuen)



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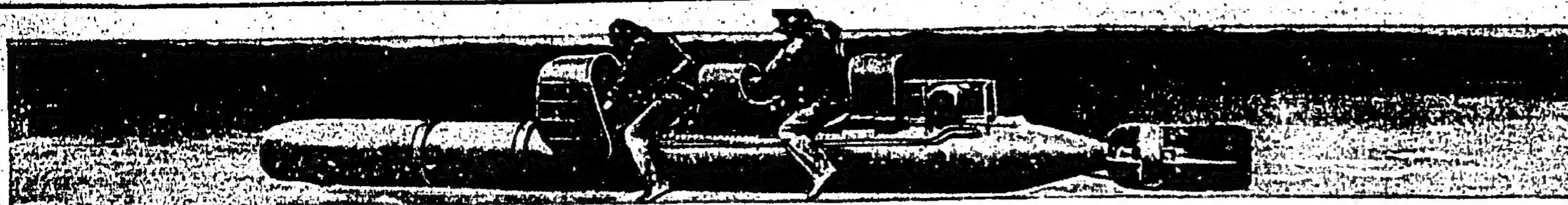
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Heads just above the water, the human torpedo crew creeps up to the victim ship

How human torpedoes struck at Gibraltar

Exciting stories of a little war that was kept a deep secret

by FRANK GOLDSWORTHY
formerly a British Naval Intelligence Officer at Gibraltar and in Italy

ON a moonless night in August 1941 a submarine with decks awash crept into Cadiz Bay on the south west coast of Spain and moored alongside the Italian tanker Fulgor.

The submarine was the Scire. Its commander, Prince Junio Valerio Borghese, its mission to collect two human torpedo crews for an attack on British battleships at Gibraltar.

That night there began a two year war fought in silence below the surface of Gibraltar Bay. At a cost of three killed and three captured the Italian naval assault units sank or damaged 11 Allied ships, totalling 73,000 tons.

The constant threat of silent attack in the night demanded tens of thousands of hours in vigilance by naval and Army personnel.

The story of that war is a tale of mystery and intrigue. Not one of its secret operations was ever divulged to the public.

Despite the fact that the physical training and endurance which would have been required in any navy of the world.

The 6,500-ton Fulgor took refuge in Cadiz Bay when Italy entered the war in 1940.

Within a few months she was transformed into a secret emergency depot ship for Italian submarines.

But the Scire was her only visitor.

FALSE PAPERS Plan of attack

WAITING to board the Scire were four human torpedo operators, a technical officer, and a naval surgeon.

They had all passed through Spain on false passports and on false excuses.

It was typical of the thoroughness with which human torpedo attacks were planned that the Scire picked up the men at Cadiz, 80 miles from Gibraltar, instead of at an Italian port 1,000 miles away.

It meant the submarine making a hazardous double passage of the Straits, but it spared the operators the strain of a long underwater voyage before going into action.

Within minutes the Scire was off to sea again. Next such a perilous dash she moved into the south-west corner of Gibraltar Bay, in Spanish waters, four miles from the British harbour.

While the submarine was still below the surface her men, in rubber suits, with breathing equipment, passed out through the escape hatch on to the deck.

There, clamped in cradles, lay two torpedoes. The crews of each set themselves to work, their release levers and flared to the surface.

A fifth man, with a telephone line to the control room, took a floating lookout on the sea.

The attack was on. A few minutes later it was off. The torpedoes had started, tormented on the voyage. Both torpedoes slowed and stopped.

The operators had to set the scuttling charges, float the diving tanks and swim back to the lookout.

3-HOUR TASK 'A swimming pig'

A MONTH later, on the night of September 18/19, 1941, the Scire visited the Fulgor again. This time eight men were waiting and three torpedoes were clamped on the deck.

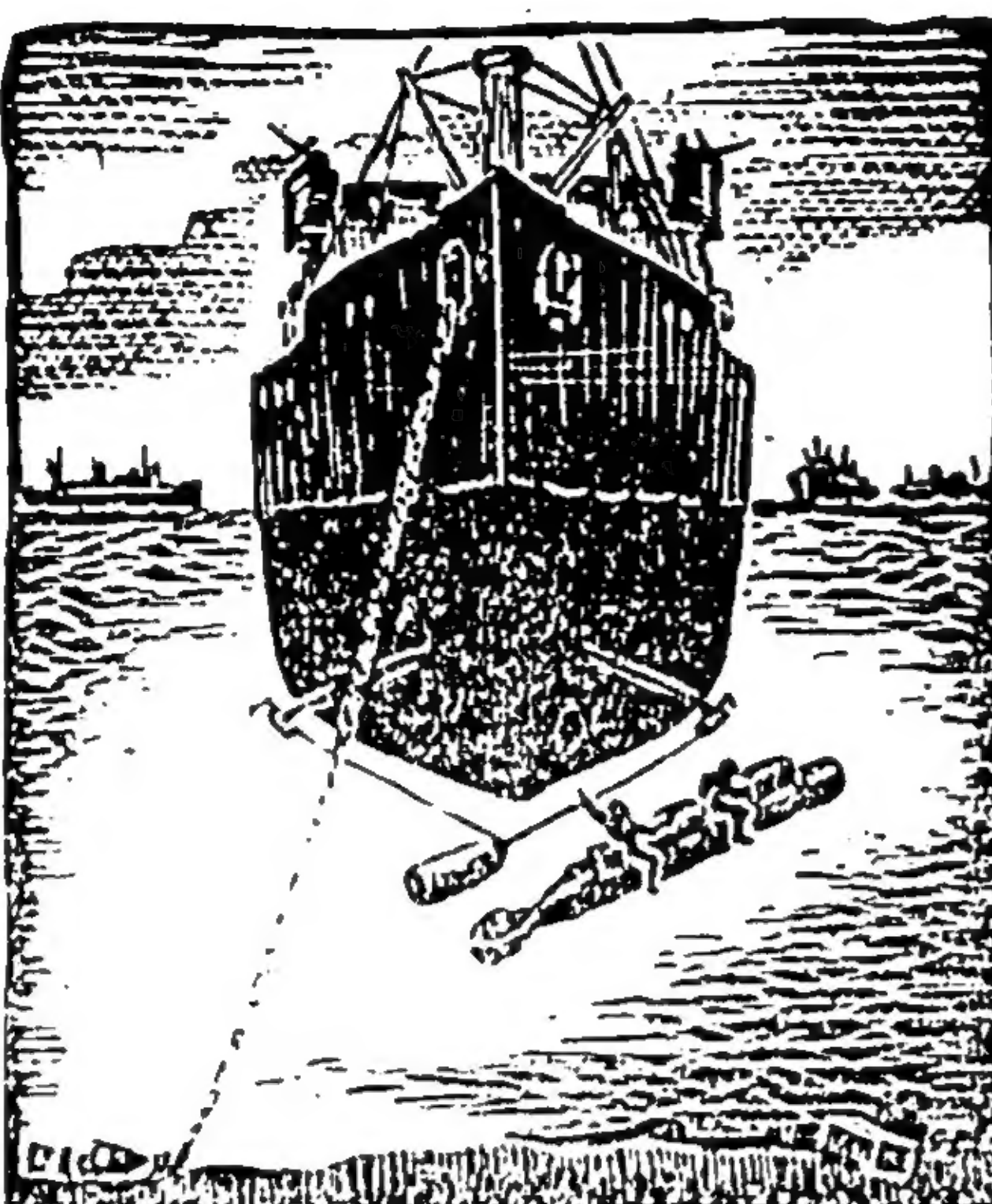
Again the Scire crept into Gibraltar Bay, the crews climbed on to their torpedoes and went off into the darkness towards the naval harbour four miles away.

Let us leave them on their three-hour journey while we visualise what lay ahead.

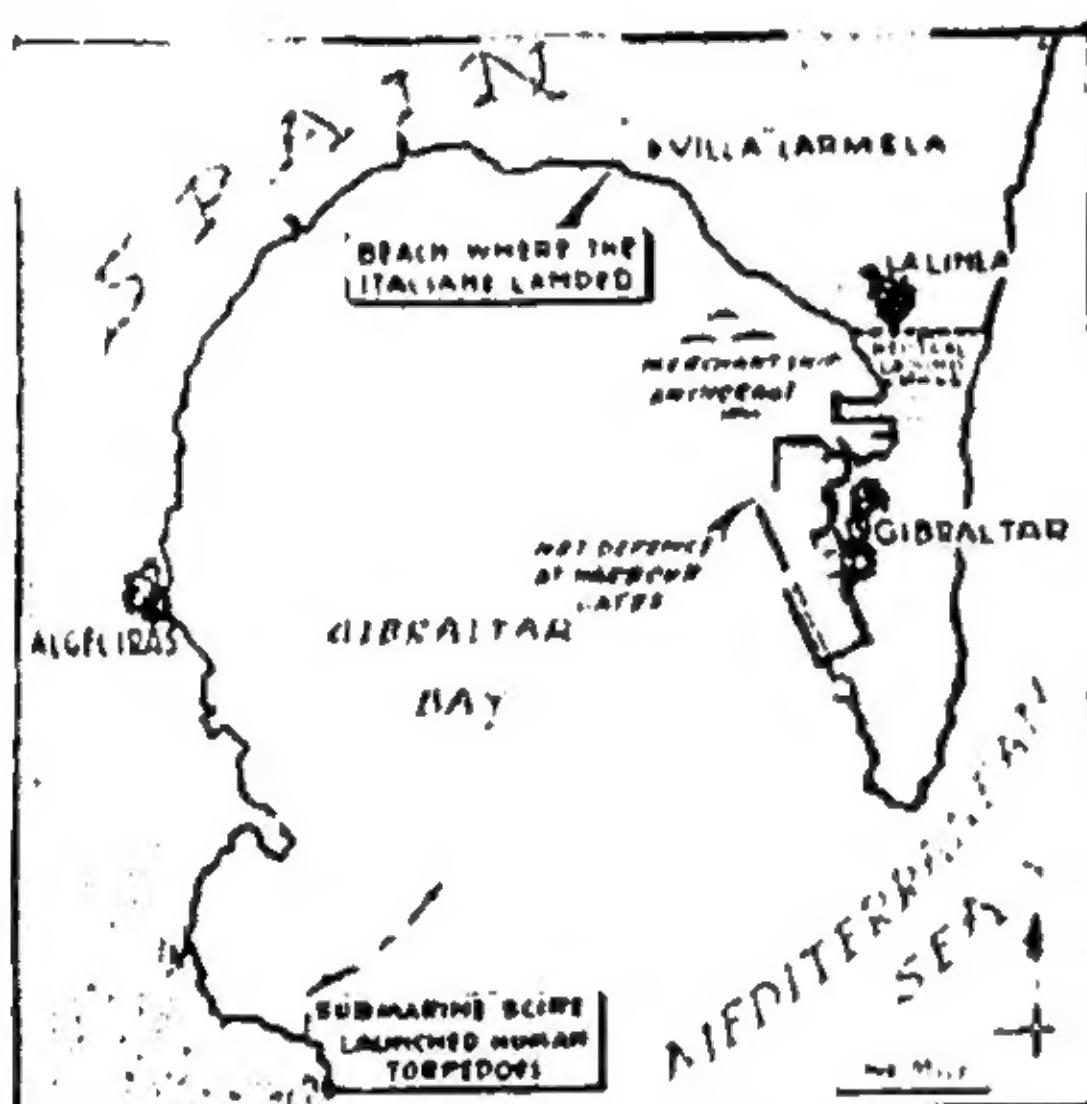
Though the human-controlled torpedo looks outwardly rather like its normal counterpart, it functions quite differently.

In its body it carries compressed air tanks to regulate its depth and batteries to drive its double propellers.

The maximum speed of those torpedoes in 1941 was three knots. A higher speed would have dragged the operators from their



They worked with their clock set, below the ship as the crew looked for safety



SUCCESS, OR 'Undying shame'

THE Scire left the bay of the attack in the words of one who had experienced it several times.

"You see, you are very close to the target ship, but you are not close enough to hit it."

This is the moment of fulfilment. Success means glory. Failure means undying shame.

You are within fifty yards. To hope there is a light on deck is a mistake. You must have the light on the water.

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consulate in Seville, and the Fulgor and the consulate in Cadiz.

Within sight of Gibraltar harbour, he had the Italian tanker Olterra in Algeiras harbour, the sabotage headquarters villa in the town, and the Villa Carmela near La Linea.

In July he was ready for his first land-based operation—a mass attack by 12 members of the "Gamma" or swimming limpet assault group.

The party assembled in the Fulgor, and then transferred in twos and threes to the Olterra at Algeiras. On July 13 they slipped ashore one by one and made their way to the Villa Carmela.

In the villa kitchen they put on long, thick woollen combinations, toe-to-neck rubber suits, breathing equipment and camouflage net helmets.

At eleven o'clock they set off in single file through the woods to the beach.

Out in the bay were the dark shapes of 30 Allied ships.

Each man was told to pick his own target. On back and chest they carried "dead ring" small charges suspended in the centre of inflatable rubber tanks which would hold them against a ship's bottom until the timing clock had run its course.

The 5lb charges were tiny compared with human torpedo warheads, but big enough to blow a four-foot wide hole in steel plates.

Among the swimmers was Vago Giari, a tough, broad-shouldered peasant and with the underwater dexterity of a seal.

After the Italian armistice, he searched Allied ships at Leshorn in case bombs had been put there by pro-German members of his old unit.

In the darkness below his selected ship Giari bumped into another limpet.

They swam to the stern and argued about who should find another target and then when the other man found his bomb defective, whether he should take one of Giari's.

"He was mad, quite mad," said Giari afterwards. "Why the ship's crew never heard him shouting at me I never understood."

SHOUT IN DARK
Held under water

GIARI went down and placed his bomb. When he came up the other man had taken out his mouthpiece and was shouting for him in the darkness.

This time Giari did not argue. He pushed the other man's head below the water and held it there till he had no more breath for yelling.

The first six swimmers reached the beach in safety. The last six fell into the hands of a Spanish patrol, and this time the Spaniards did not dare to release them so quickly. They were sent to "internment" in a Seville hotel.

The attack was only a qualified success. Some operators never reached their targets, and some of the bombs were swept out by the current and exploded on the surface.

Four ships, the 3,355-ton Baron Kinnaird, the 1,575-ton Shanna, the 3,899-ton Baron Douglas, and 2,497-ton Empire Sulpice were damaged.

Giari and another volunteered to make a second attack. Substitute "internees" were sent from Italy and Giari and

his companion returned to the Villa Carmela.

On September 15 they badly damaged the 1,767-ton Ravens Point, then went back to complete their short "internment."

DELAYED BOMB Burst out at sea

MEANWHILE Piermont opened a sabotage branch office at Huelva, where British ships loaded iron ore from the Rio Tinto mines.

Near the loading berth was the Italian ship Gata, and on board it were placed two limpeteers.

They dared not use an ordinary time-clock bomb. If the ship's sailing were delayed its sinking would block a Spanish port and cause the Italians acute diplomatic embarrassment.

Therefore an arming time was incorporated, so that the delay clock would not start until the ship's passage through the water turned the vane.

Four such bombs were placed, but the clocks never started.

The British Navy at Gibraltar had not been idle.

At irregular intervals searchlights swept the harbour approaches, there were harbour and bay patrols, and around the entrance gate small explosive charges, sufficient to kill or stun any person underwater, were thrown into the water every few minutes of the night.

The loud metallic clang these explosive mines made on the hulls of anchored troopships started many a colourful mess deck "blat" about "big submarine attacks in the Straits."

DROPPED IT 'Lost' in the bay

MOST significant move of all was the creation of the Gibraltar naval diving party, whose members showed no less devotion, endurance, and courage than their Italian adversaries.

Leading the party were Lieutenant "Bill" Bailey, R.N.V.R., and Lieutenant (later Lieutenant-Commander) "Buster" Crabb, two mine disposal officers. Both won the George Medal for their work.

The naval diving party searched the bottoms of ships arriving from Spanish ports as well as making frequent night examinations of ships anchored in the bay. It was they who found and removed the bombs at Huelva.

One of the bombs carried for a friend of mine a brief and embarrassing local fame as a new Bateman character: "The Naval Officer Who Dropped It."

The bomb, newly recovered, was handed to him to row ashore for examination. But the boat was very small and the bay was very rough.

In a squall the boat began to fill, and the officer, up to his knees in water, had visions of swimming for the shore with an "any moment now" bomb tucked under his arm.

He weighted the bomb, tied it on to a small buoy carried in the boat, and dropped it overboard. Imagine his dismay when not only the precious bomb disappeared but the marking buoy as well.

The buoy line was 30 feet too short. Fortunately he took cross bearings and divers recovered the bomb next day.

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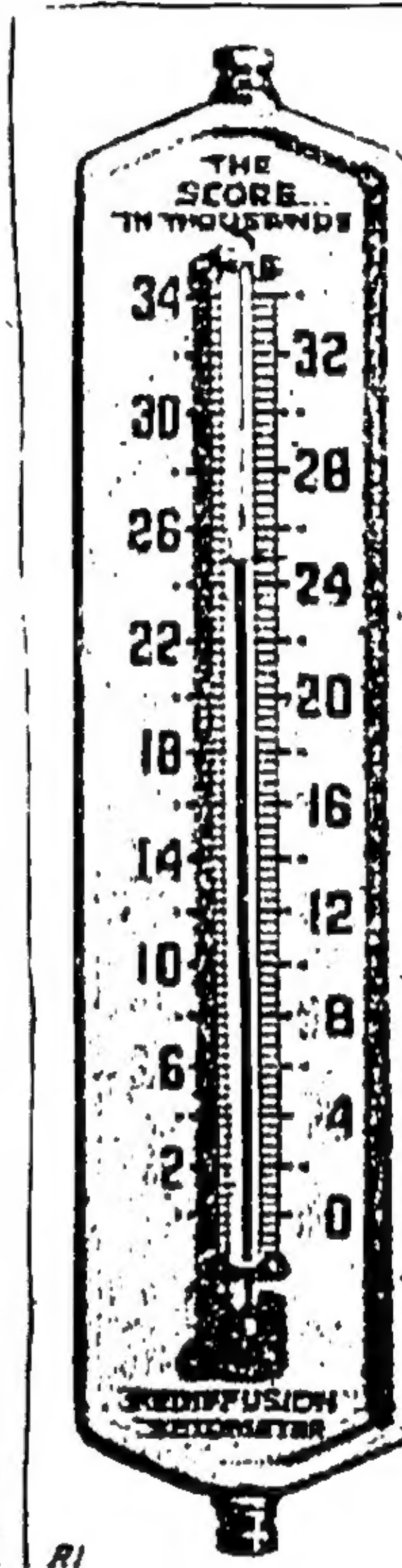
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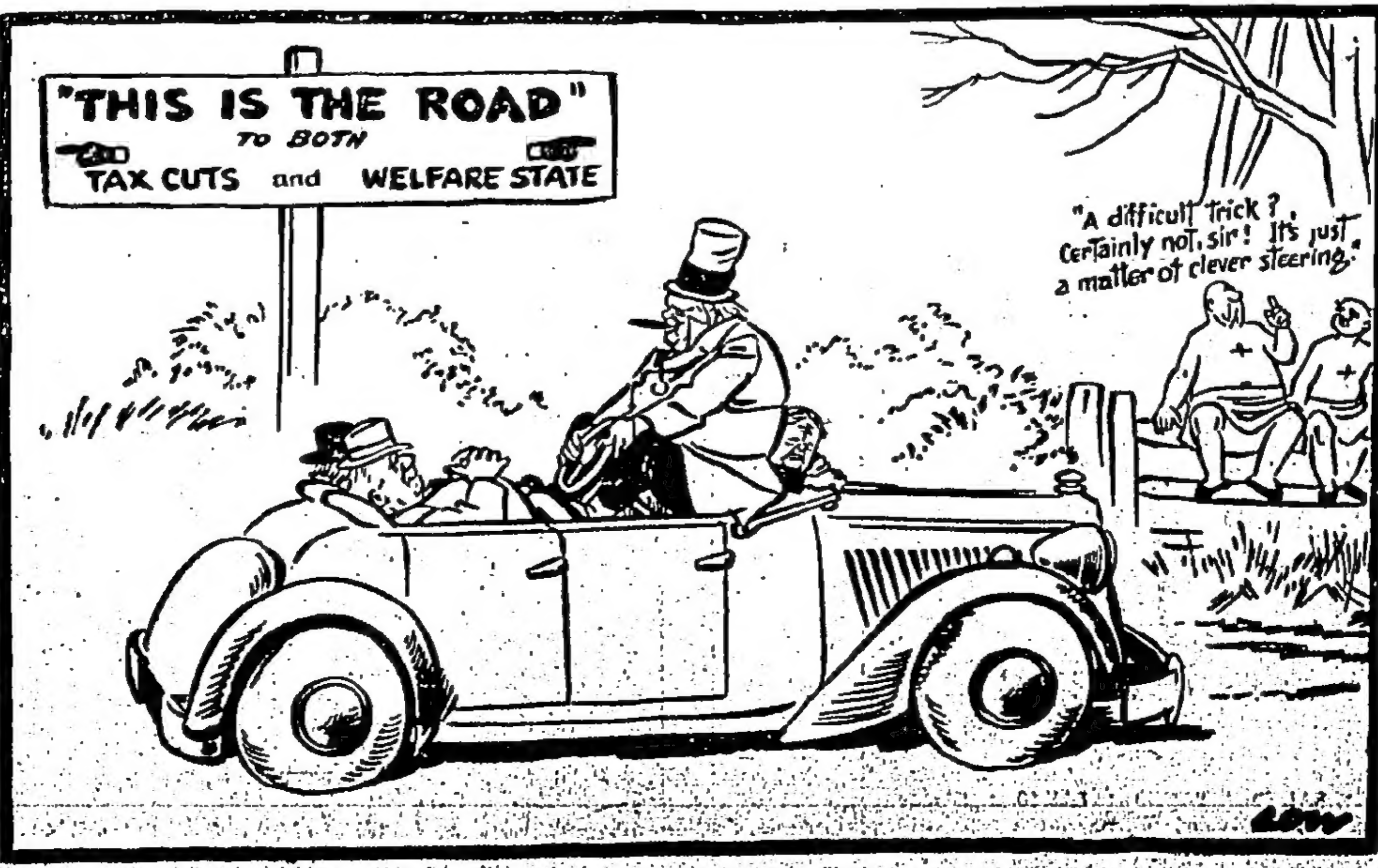
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Sookunpoo Sports Ground, Hong Kong.

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WEEK-END SOCCER

CLUBS AGAIN WILL BE CHASING LEAGUE POINTS

BY "UNOMI"

After last week's Shield ties, clubs are back in the chase for League points. League leaders Kitchee are idle this week-end, thus affording Army an excellent opportunity of reaching top place in the table.

Army meet South China this afternoon at Caroline Hill and a win for the soldiers will place them two points ahead of Kitchee with four more games played. Army, even though they are fielding a strong team today, will have to fight every inch of the way to earn both points.

The Caroline Hill boys are expected to be a hard nut to crack. The experience of the Army team will be the deciding factor in today's match. The defence, which contains players like Spence and Terry, is very strong. These players never get flustered even when under constant pressure. The side has a matchwinner in Terry, the inside right.

Kai Pakong, the striker, was the main goal threat in the last game. He is expected to be in good form today. It is likely that he will lead the attack.

SERVICES' DUEL

The Army and Navy are expected to have a very close game today. The Army are the favourites to win.

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SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Week-end Softball

JUNIOR LEAGUE TAKES THE SPOTLIGHT

BY "STARDUST"

Interest in the pennant races wanes to an appreciable extent this week as, with the completion of the preliminary round fixtures in the Senior League, only postponed games will be scheduled in the next fortnight.

Five Senior League teams are now assured of a shot at the coveted title. St Joseph's, Jaguars, US Navy, Braves, and Americans have qualified for the play-offs but, as this final series will be contested by only four teams, an elimination series will have to be played off by the Navy, Braves, Americans, and possibly the Jaguars. The elimination series will commence when postponed fixtures have been completed.

The Junior League takes the spotlight this week-end with two crucial tussles on tomorrow's card. The Blackhawks, Jaguars, and Rexes are staging a tough battle for the Championship and at this present juncture these three outfits are almost neck to neck in the race to the wire.

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K. O. CANNON

The Riddle of the Red Domino



LET LONDON HAVE Beecham plus Toscanini

London. It was good the other evening to welcome Sir Thomas Beecham back to London; he retains his secret. He shares it with nobody, and nobody can say quite what it is.

But it is certain that Sir Thomas and Toscanini are the two most celebrated conductors living—that is, in the opinion of all sections of the public the world over, musical and other.

There was recently some controversy in the Press about the proposal that Toscanini should conduct at the opening of the new concert-hall at the Festival of 1951. A more equitable and diverting suggestion might be to invite them both to appear on the same inaugural occasion, turn and turn about, as Mrs. Gamp would say.

They are at extremes, of course.

Toscanini's Way

With Toscanini music is a very serious thing. With Beecham it is the "gay science" desired by Nietzsche.

Beecham expels from the most portentous Teutonic composition all metaphysical muck and weight of word. He trusts to impulse and a delighted improvisation.

Toscanini, at least in his later years, suspects the moment's inspiration. He examines a score much as a builder examines a blueprint.

He erects the symphonic edifice strictly according to his understanding of the ground-plan and specifications laid down by the composer.

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At rehearsal Toscanini is not satisfied merely to lay the foundation, he finishes the structure even to varnishing day. An actual concert performance by Toscanini differs scarcely at all from the final rehearsal. He changes some essential phrase at tempo at the concert answering to a swift spark of fancy or imagination which has taken flame in a new way.

Talking about Music...

By NEVILLE CARDUS

At rehearsal Beecham is usually urbane and ready to be pleased. "A pretty piece," he will say to the orchestra, doubtless referring to the fourth symphony of Schubert or to Sacre du Prince of Stravinsky.

Toscanini at rehearsal is terribly serious. I have heard him groan as though in pain. He has raved at the most renowned and notorious vocalists and sacked them.

He snaps his baton over his knee, breaking it into two pieces to relieve his despair.

Artist—High Priest

Once on a time a celluloid baton somehow got into his possession. He nearly gubbered for a while in a vain effort to break this one. He lacks the gay irony of Beecham, and the lack of humour comes out sometimes in his conducting just as Beecham's lack of solemnity comes out in his conducting.

Tests for Sir Thomas, as an artist, he wisely refrains from conducting works such as the B minor Mass of Bach and the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven. He is not drawn to the Tappet More.

But he can make music sing and dance and pose itself on the air with a facility unequalled by anybody.

He is a prophet of the art and conductor of the orchestra. He is a high priest, a magician of the air.

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Conducting By Ear

The Beechams are not a household name, and indeed, they are not. The knowledge of them is not more than Beecham's close knowledge of scores of all styles and periods.

But Beecham conducts by ear. He performs as much by a rapid act of comprehension. He goes into a concert like a swimmer into a flowing sea.

Toscanini, on comparison, is a control, a steering wheel.

and the entire apparatus from the bridge of a masterful liner. Toscanini abhors looseness of phrase or rhythm; that is why his conducting has a certain rigidity of tempo.

Again I am describing the Toscanini of what might be called his post-La Scala day.

A scrutiny of the two men at work tells the old truth—the style is the man himself. Beecham enjoys the strings, conveys them, smiles whenever they please him. He will point his baton intimately at an oboist, as though picking out a single musical plum for his private delectation.

Let Us Have Both

Toscanini's right arm is as a governing wheel, unyielding, purposeful. Sometimes I feel that the orchestra is tied to this wheel of Toscanini's right arm, like Ixion.

But we shouldn't seek to measure two wonderful "old" men of music. The only remedy is to enjoy them, more or less together. Mars and Jupiter in conjunction!

Thus would patriotism and honour and distinction in art be satisfied and possibly, as Trotsky.

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Too-Soon Success

THE STORY THAT'S ALWAYS IN HIS WALLET

WHEN those whom the gods love die young it's usually suicide. You read the story of the young doctor, William Alfred Fitzherbert, who was found dead in his bath. He was only 29.

At that age he was super-intelligent of a great hospital, a very successful young man. Yet in a moment of despair, he plunged a fatal dose of morphine into his arm.

The coroner said he had lost faith in himself.

Requests that you only the cause of death. It is not the coroner's business to say how it might have been prevented. What happened to Dr. Fitzherbert has happened to many young men. You read all too frequently about brilliant young men taking their lives.

Why do you think?

Most likely, because success without experience makes a dangerous mixture.

The man who is a success at 30 has few, if any, failures behind

DAB and FLOUNDER

—by WALTER



The fascinating story of a swashbuckling general

by GEORGE MALCOLM THOMSON

ROMMEL. By Desmond Young. Collins. 12s. 6d. 288 pages.

WE had lost the decisive battle of the African campaign. The consequences defied estimation.

Thus Rommel utters his own verdict on his own defeat, the battle of El Alamein, which was the turning-point of his career and of Britain's fortunes in the war.

After the war—and after Desmond Young had completed this narrative—Rommel's son Manfred found the Field-marshal's summing up of the African battles among papers of his father's that had been hidden away for safety.

It forms a fascinating appendix to the brilliant and enthralling story which is the Book of the Month.

In these terse, vigorous, realistic, these writings fill out the portrait of Rommel which Desmond Young draws with such speed and vividness. Not doubt, later and more ponderous historians will add something to our knowledge of Rommel as a general, a tactician, a public figure.

But here completely convincing and completely alive, is Rommel the man.

Fought clean

A SOLDIER who fought clean and hard, who gave the British a hard quarter of an hour. With a little more support from home he might have won a second battle.

For a purpose would not have been satisfied by the capture of Alexandria and the Canal. He meant to push on to Cairo and to cut the British from the supplies reaching them through Persia.

When he said that the British were beyond possibility of defeat, he was not bluffing. He was a soldier, a man of action, a man of words.

Rommel stands out from Desmond Young's pages as a shining but serious, tough but unflinching professional officer, with manners to correspond.

He had his subordinate commander's hard life. He would turn up very early in very unexpected places.

Do you expect me to find you out of bed? He shouted at an exhausted and pyjama-clad colonel.

He had a deep respect for the character of his own soldiers, and could distinguish the few good Italian formations from the many that had no heart for the fight.

It for a month or so one could say that he won the admiration—almost the allegiance—of a British army, he had for his part the ability to assess his enemies with professional detachment.

The British were promising amateurs, with a special gift for tasks calling for initiative. They had excellent artillery. Their tank tactics were bad, their system of command cumbersome.

The Australians were "rough," but did not show "a bad heart." The South Africans were good material, but too raw.

For the New Zealanders, Rommel had a great and lasting admiration. He used to speak of them almost with affection.

Wavell's Genius

AMONG British generals, Rommel singled out Wavell, "a military genius," whose campaign against the Italians was a masterpiece of planning and execution. You will look through this book in vain for Rommel's opinion of Montgomery.

Rommel was the son of a schoolmaster, a regular officer with a dazzling World War record to which the French campaign of 1940 added fresh laurels.

It was when he reached the desert that he found himself. There war was at its simplest and life at its most Spartan. Both conditions suited Rommel's temperament, at once fiery and patient.

He adapted himself almost instantly to desert conditions and developed an intuitive feeling for what his colleagues called a "finger tip instinct" for the enemy's intentions.

It was a bold leader, a military gambler, a man without fear but with a good dash of caution in his make up. He was usually to be found in the forefront of his army and sometimes behind the enemy army.

Germans goggled

THE strangest incidents could happen in the extraordinary confusion of desert fighting. Rommel visited a field hospital full of a mixed bag of German and British wounded. Walking between the beds, he observed that the hospital was still in British hands and that British soldiers were all about.

It was, indeed, a British medical officer who was conducting him round having been taken him for a Polish general.

The German wounded, horrified at him and began to sit up in bed. "I think we had better get out of this," whispered Rommel. As he jumped into "Mammot" (his command truck, captured from the British), he acknowledged a final salute.

It was magnificent. It was war. But it was not conducted appropriately to a commander-in-chief. It was the kind of thing that made Rommel a nuisance to his staff—and a legend in two armies.

In the final and tragic phase of his life, Rommel became the foe and in a sense the rival of Hitler. There is no reason to suppose that he was particularly outraged by the earlier political developments of Nazism.

On the other hand, when he received, at Sidi Barrani, Hitler's infamous order for the execution of Commandos, he had it burnt at once.

In time he came to realise that the manspreading of Hitler's character was hated. That even Germany would be sacrificed to that insane genius.

Appointed to command in the west in preparation for D Day, Rommel soon realised that if the Allies landed, Germany was finished. "We must stop the enemy in the west," he had no great belief in his ability to prevent the landing.

Political Moves

HAD he been given a few more months to strengthen the defences, it might have been another story.

Out of these convictions, which events in Normandy soon strengthened, sprang Rommel's association with the political moves against Hitler. He was drawn into the web of conspiracy through Dr. Ströhm, Mayor of Stuttgart. He approved of the plan to seize Hitler and force him to announce his abdication. He was never at any time aware of the intention to kill Hitler. Nor was he aware that the intention was to make him President of the Reich.

His position was, says Desmond Young, perhaps the most extraordinary in which any general found himself. He was the chosen defender of the Atlantic Wall and was doing everything possible to build up the morale of the troops to resist Eisenhower and Montgomery. At the same time he was secretly committed to those posing an armistice.

Two generals when the landing had succeeded.

When the attempt on Hitler's life took place, Rommel was out of action. He had been struck down in an RAF attack on his car. His association with the conspirators might have

remained unknown if only General von Stulpnagel's suicide attempt had succeeded. As he recovered consciousness Stulpnagel called out repeatedly, "Rommel!"

It was all the Gestapo needed. Rommel, convalescent at home, had no idea he was doomed. On his desk was a pistol.

"I am not afraid of the English or the Americans. Only of the Russians—and the Germans."

And when someone mentioned Hitler, Rommel replied, "That damned fool!"

Strange expression

WHEN one day two SS generals arrived, Frau Rommel tells the sequel. "As he entered the room there was so strange and terrible an expression on his face that I exclaimed at once, 'What is the matter?' 'He looked at me and replied, 'I have come to say good-bye. In a quarter of an hour I shall be dead. They suspect me of having taken part in the attempt to kill Hitler. It seems my name was on the list to be 'President of the Reich.'"

As a concession, Rommel was allowed to commit suicide. He was given a ceremonious funeral. "Deep respect for the dead field-marshal" was the stage direction.

With not everybody was satisfied with the obsequies. "What was the matter with that funeral?" asked an SS officer. "I had a feeling there was something not quite right about it."

So ended, in a grisly, ironic parade, yet not without a touch of poetic justice, the life of one who tolerated too long an atrocious regime and turned against it too late. One does not feel, however, that Rommel had many gifts for plotting, politics or statesmanship.

As the life and adventures of a swashbuckler, and superb leader of men, Rommel can hardly be too highly commended to the public.

Desmond Young was born in 1891, the son of a sailor and of a New Zealand mother. Served with the 60th Rifles in 1914-18 war and was awarded the MC. Went to South Africa in 1924 and took up journalism. Within a year he was editing the Natal Witness. Later he moved to India.

In the war he saw service in Abyssinia, the Western Desert and Syria; later he was captured by German tanks. Did 16 months as POW in Campo PG29, near Piacenza.

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VIGNETTES OF LIFE

"Valentines"
BY KEMP STARRETT





PUZZLES



STORIES



HOBBIES

The BOYS and GIRLS PAGE



CRAFTS



GAMES



JOKES

CHAPTER TWO OF THE CHILDREN'S NEW SERIAL, Five Fall into Adventure

A meeting on the beach

by

Gina Burton

Julian, Dick and Anne have come to stay at Kiri Cottage with their cousin George, who is always called George. George's father is a famous scientist. He and his wife are now off to Spain and the four children and Timmy, George's dog are to be on their own.

It really was very difficult to get Uncle Quentin off the next day. He was shut up in his study until the last possible moment, sorting out his precious notebooks. The taxi arrived and hooted outside the gate. Aunt Fanny, who had been ready for a long time, went and rapped at the study door.

"Quentin! Unlock the door! You really must come. We shall lose the aeroplane if we don't go now."

"Just one minute!" shouted back her husband. Aunt Fanny looked at the four children in despair.

"That's the fourth time he's called out. Just one minute!" said George. The telephone shrilled out just then and she picked up the receiver.

"YES," she said. "No, I'm afraid you can't see him. He's off to Spain and nobody will know where he is for the next two weeks. What's that? Wait a minute. I'll ask my mother."

"Who is it?" said her mother.

"It's the Daily Chron," said George. "They want to send a reporter down to interview Daddy. I told them he was going to Spain, and they said could they publish that?"

"Of course," said her mother, thankfully. "Once that's in the papers nobody will ring up and worry you. Say, yes, George."

The taxi hooted again and Timmy wooted just as Uncle Quentin came out of the study. He jumped violently and the telephone rang loudly.

"That's another reporter coming down to see you, father," said George. "Better go quickly!"

Whether that bit of news really did make Uncle Quentin decide at last to go, nobody knew. But in two seconds he was sitting in the taxi, still clutching his despatch case, telling the taxi-driver exactly what he thought of people who kept hooting their horns.

"Good bye, dear," called Aunt Fanny. "Don't forget to write me. We're off at last."

The taxi disappeared down the lane. "Poor Mother!" said George. "It's always like this when they go for a holiday. We'll never see them again. I shall NEVER marry a scientist."

Everyone heaved a sigh of relief at the thought that Uncle Quentin was gone. When he was overworked he really was impossible.

Still, you simply have to make excuses for anyone with a brain like his, said Julian. Whenever an uncle or mother or father or even a boy or girl is overworked, with a brain like his, they are bound to be impossible.

What a pity! said Dick. I hope they don't come back. I feel as if I can't stand them any more.

The two walked along the beach, and then they went to the beach. They were walking at high water, and were obviously looking for anything that might have been cast up by the tide. The boys already had a red box and a yellow one, and some other things.

When they came back from the beach, the man had gone. The boy was still there, and he had actually put himself to bed. He was in a room, and he was in a room.

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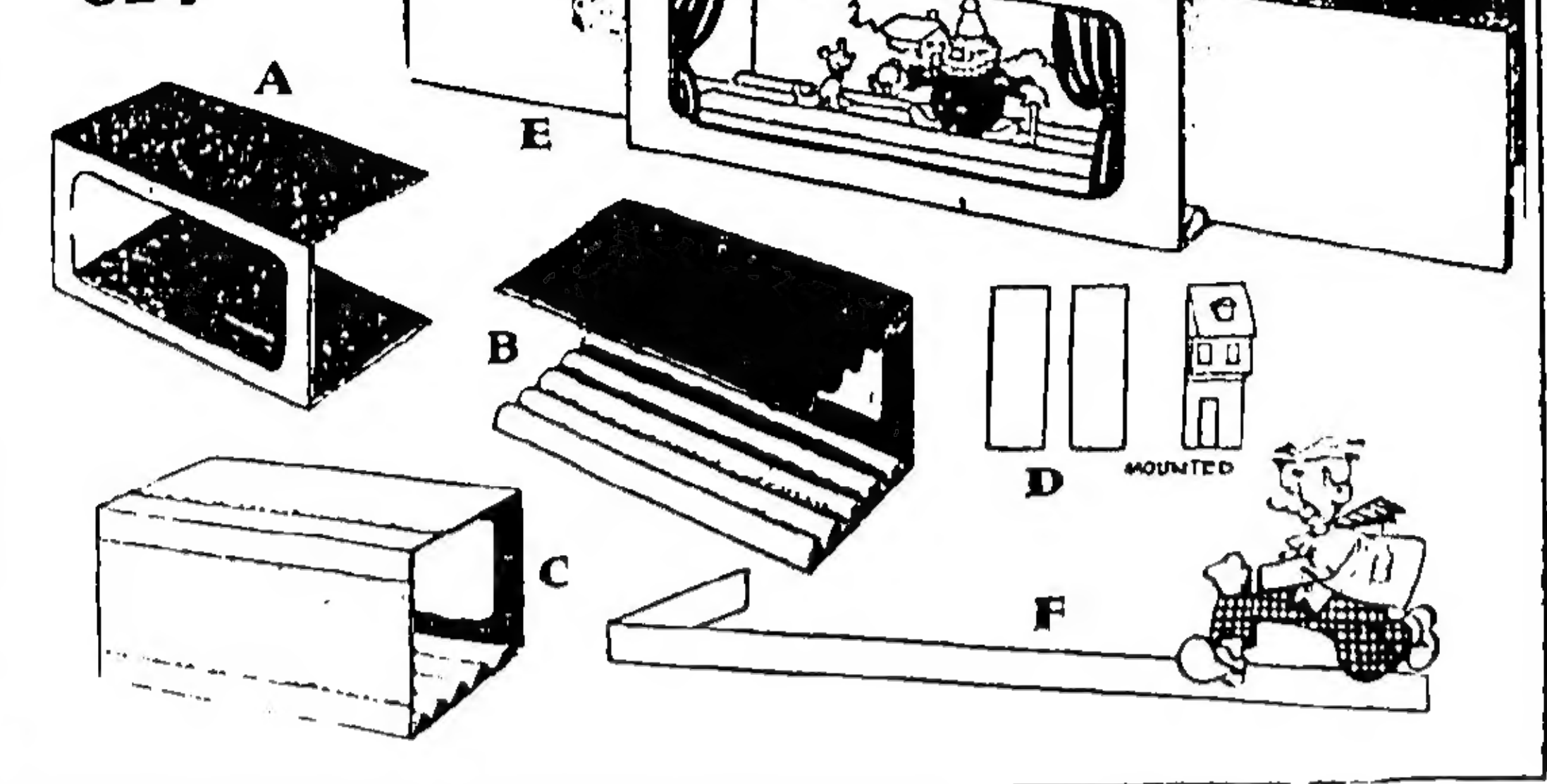
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He sent the tangle-headed boy flying

Theatre Modelled From Box

MODEL THEATRE SET



By WALTER KING

THIS little theatre can be made from a box of any size. A two pound chocolate box does nicely.

Start by removing the ends of the box, then cut a hole in the bottom (Fig. A).

The Shadows Had a Question

—They Wanted to Know All About Aladdin—

By MAX TRELL

KNAIF asked Mr Punch, "Is the story about Aladdin and the lamp true?"

Mr Punch looked up from his book in surprise. "For a moment or two he didn't answer. Finally, after going up at the ceiling and gazing down at his shoes he answered: 'I don't know how true the story of Aladdin and the lamp may be, but I do know that the story of my grandfather and the lamp is certainly true, from beginning to end.'"

Begged Punch

Hearing this, Knarf at once begged Mr Punch to tell him the story of his grandfather and the lamp. Knarf came along at this moment and, after Knarf explained to him what he had just said to Mr Punch, she begged Mr Punch to do but tell the story.

"I'll tell this story," he said.

My Grandfather's Lamp

Now it seems said Mr Punch, that when Grandfather was a small boy he told him the story of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp. You must be surprised that Grandfather had read this story because, as everyone knows, the story of Aladdin is one of the oldest in the world.

Well, continued Mr Punch, Grandfather was much taken by this story, which means he thought about it a good deal. He wondered why, for instance, Aladdin should be able to find such a wonderful lamp and, by merely rubbing it, have a genie grant every wish.

Grandfather wondered why he couldn't find a lamp and have the same good fortune.

"Then one day he decided to look for an old lamp and to try, if he could, to make a genie—or fairy—come to him and grant his wishes. Grandfather spoke to his mother and asked her if there were any old lamps about the house and especially any that needed rubbing. His mother, after thinking about the matter,



Punch's grandfather found some lamps.

replied that she thought there were several quite old lamps in a trunk in the attic that had not been polished in years.

Old Lamps

"So up to the attic went Grandfather to search for the old lamps. He opened the trunk and there were enough were three or four very old lamps. They were all badly in need of rubbing. Grandfather lifted them out gently. Then he smiled. 'I'll rub them all,' he said to himself. 'And when the genie comes, I'll ask him to grant my wish.'"

Then Grandfather protested. He couldn't think of just what wish he wanted the genie to grant. At length he decided again. "When the genie comes, I'll ask him to make my mother happy. For there is nothing that I want more in the world than to make my mother happy."

"With that," said Mr Punch, "Grandfather began rubbing the first of the lamps. But, though he rubbed and rubbed, and the lamp shone and sparkled like new, no genie appeared. Then Grandfather set it aside and began rubbing the second lamp. How hard he worked over it! It glowed even in the dim light of the attic. But, alas, no genie came. Then Grandfather took up the third and last lamp. This one he rubbed harder than the others. . . harder . . . harder. And at last, just as Grandfather knew he didn't have the strength to rub one little bit more . . . and his eyes were half-closing . . . he thought he saw someone standing before him. 'Please . . . please grant me this wish,' he murmured sleepily. 'Make my mother the happiest mother in the world.' And just before he fell asleep, he felt someone kissing him and he heard his mother saying: 'I am the happiest mother in the world, my darling!' And Grandfather knew his wish had been granted."

PUZZLE ANSWERS

ANDORRA
TOO AIL
ISO ITE
PYRENEE

ANDORRA REBUS: Catalan; Council - General; Napoleon Granted Constitution.

COUPLINGS: Win - Now; Dam - Pen; Pan - Try.

WORD SQUARE:
TRIES
ROMAN
IMAGE
EAGLE
SNEER

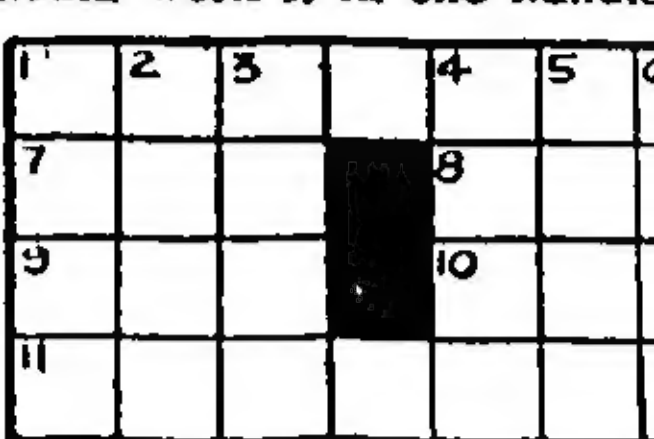
TRIANGLE:
VILLAGE
IDEATE
LEAVE
LAVE
ATE
CE

MIX-UPS: Republic, Pays annual tribute.
RIDDLES: 1—To keep a check upon his stomach. 2—When his father leaves him nothing to take. 3—Because it is recorded. 4—Because he is left out at night, and taken in in the morning. 5—Because it represents hardware (hard wear).

Puzzle Patch

MINUTE CROSSWORD

Short and snappy is the keynote of this crossword. You should work it in one minute.



ACROSS
1 World's smallest republic
7 Also
8 Be indisposed
9 Equal (comb. form)
10 Follower
11 Our subject country is in the—

DOWN
1 Tilted
2 Inquisitive
3 Portal
4 Shower
5 Ceremony
6 On the sheltered side

ANDORRA REBUS

Three facts pertaining to Andorra are hidden here. Use the words and pictures to uncover them.

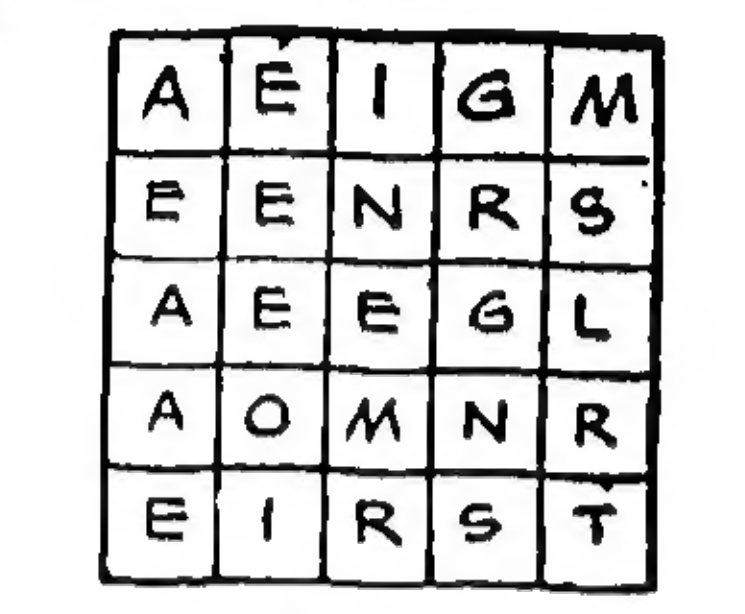


COUPLINGS

Each definition is three-lettered, but you have a six-letter word with a different meaning when you couple the lines. To be victorious—At this time River barrier—Writing tool Cooking utensil—Attempt

WORD SQUARE

Rearrange the letters in each row to form a good word, then rearrange the rows of words to form a word square:



TRIANGLE

VILLAGE, of which Andorra has six, forms the support for our triangle. The second word is "to form a notion," the third "to depart," the fourth "to wash," the fifth "dined," and the sixth is "an earth goddess."

VILLAGE

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MIX-UPS

By rearranging the letters in each row of words, you will unearth two facts about Andorra: RUDE CLIP, SPUN AT YET HANAL RUT

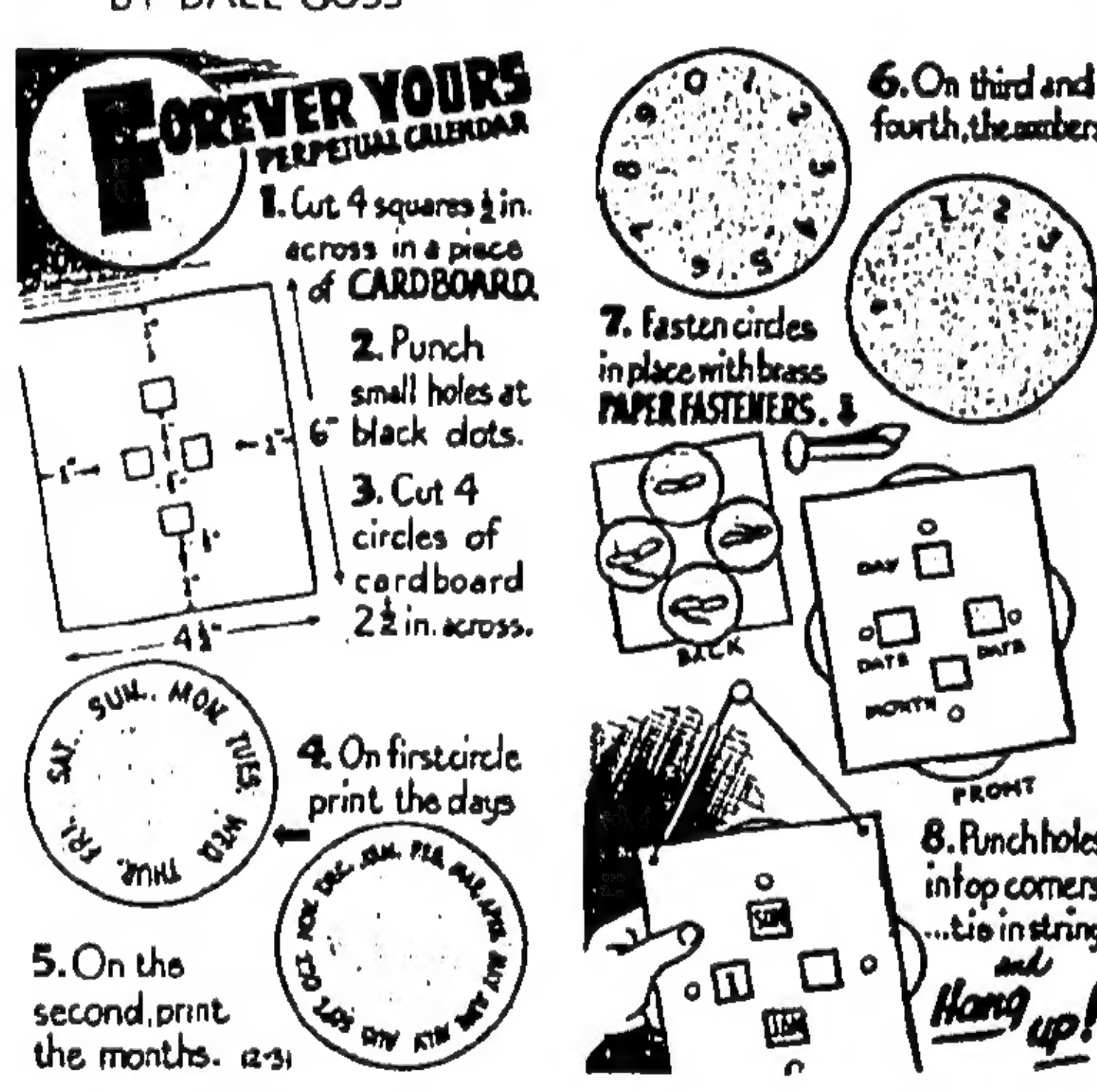
RIDDLES

1. Why should a fat man wear a plaid vest?
2. When does a roth not take after his father?
3. Why is an historical event like a parcel untied and tied again?
4. Why is a watchdog bigger by night than by day?
5. Why is an old coat like an iron kettle?

DO-IT

BY DALE GOSS

Things to Make With Materials at Hand



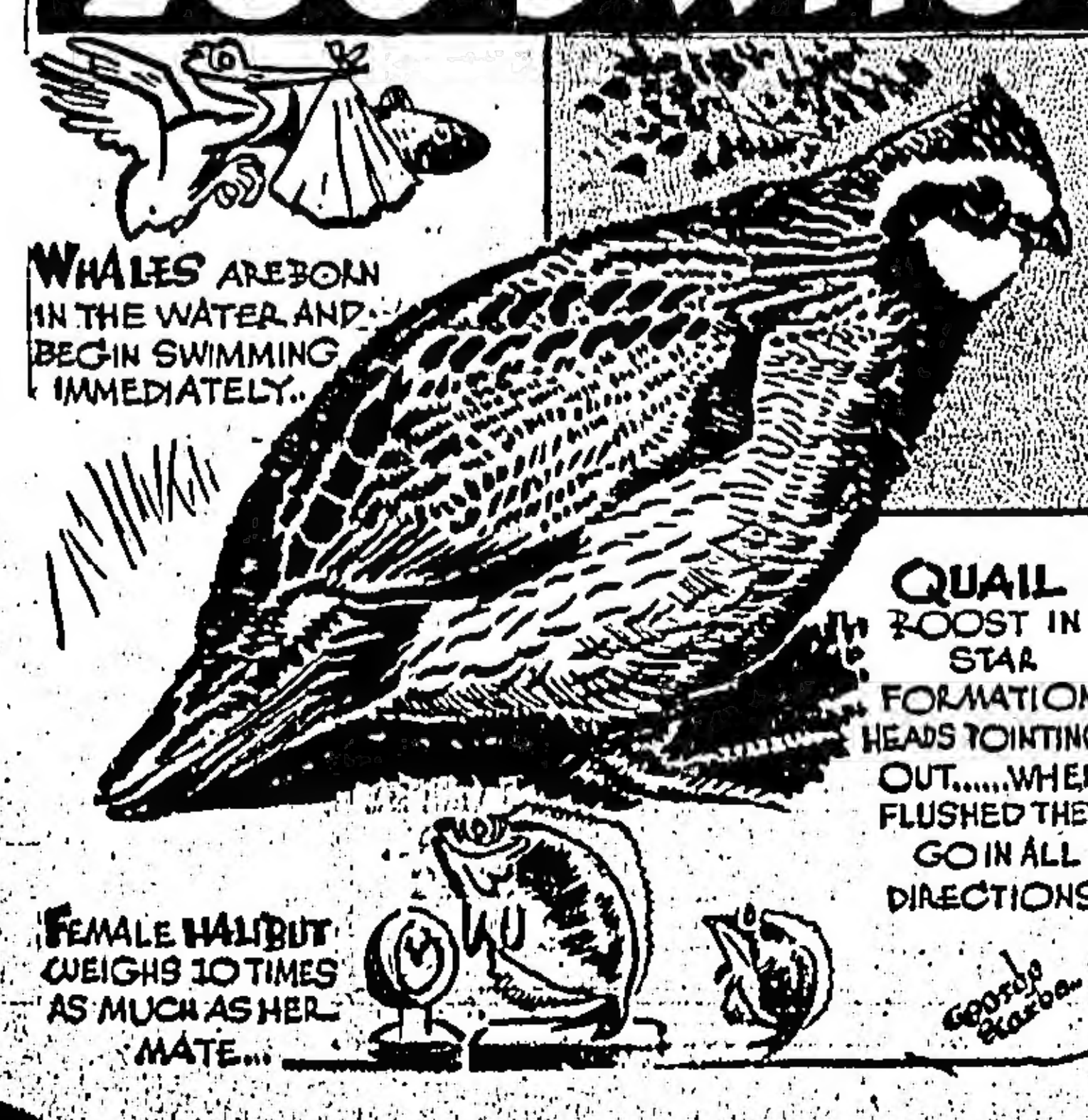
Next week we'll make a snappy necklace out of rubber bands and yarn.

Rupert and the Snuff-box—28



Wondering what they are going to find, the two pals follow their friends into the garden. "There is fruit of all sorts here," says Silvia. "And we grow special blackberries—look!" Getting some steps she sets them beside a big plant trained against the wall, and begins to fill Rupert's basket with large, juicy berries. Meanwhile the old Admiral, who has disappeared towards his greenhouse, reappears. "You two deserve something special," he beams. "Silvia shall get another basket so you can divide them between you." And, to the astonishment of the little pals, he hands them peaches and great bunches of grapes.

ZOO'S WHO



WHALES ARE BORN IN THE WATER AND BEGIN SWIMMING IMMEDIATELY.

QUAIL
BOOST IN
STAR
FORMATION
HEADS POINTING
OUT WHEN
FLUSHED THEY
GO IN ALL
DIRECTIONS.

FEMALE HALL BUT
CUEIGHS 10 TIMES
AS MUCH AS HER
MATE.

BRONCHO BILL

Woman of Determination



By Harry F. O'Neill

CHURCH NOTICES

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

Rugby:

More London Club
Players On
Ireland's Side

London, Feb. 10.—England need to beat Ireland convincingly at Twickenham tomorrow if they are to remain with a chance of taking the Rugby International Championship from Ireland, who have won for the past two seasons.

This is because of their indifferent start when they were outplayed by the Welsh pack. Four changes were made after that game mainly positional, and it is anticipated that the new line-up will test the Irish men.

Ireland, on the other hand, have rearranged their three-quarter line since being held to

India On Pakistan's
Damaging Admission

Lake Success, Feb. 10.—Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, India's delegate to the United Nations, told the Security Council today that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's advice to his Government of rendering "more direct assistance" to Kashmiri tribesmen was "a most damaging admission."

He said that the admission proved that in spite of Pakistan's protestation, Pakistan was, in fact, rendering the tribesmen, even before April 20, 1948, some kind of assistance, direct or indirect.

He was referring to an appreciation of the military situation in Kashmir which had been given to the Pakistan Government by General Sir Douglas

E. Gracey, Commander-in-Chief of the Pakistan Army, dated April 20, 1948, and which the Pakistan Foreign Minister read to the Security Council during his speech on Wednesday.

The Security Council was resuming its debate on the Kashmir question, and Sir Benegal Rau was replying in detail to a six-hour speech made by Sir Mohammed Zafarullah Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, at previous sessions.

Referring to that part of the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's appreciation, "which recommended that regular units of the Pakistan Army must, if necessary, be sent into Kashmir," Sir Benegal Rau said: "I must confess that I have been gravely disturbed by this disclosure."

MORE DIRECT

"Is a British Commander-in-Chief of a Dominion of the Commonwealth recommending that a military expedition should be sent, if necessary, against a sister Dominion?" He declared that the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that the assistance should be a more direct form of assistance was a "most damaging admission."

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BREACH OF LAW

Sir Benegal continued: "I feel sure that if there had been any such consultation the step would never have been taken and we should have been spared all the difficulties that it has created and that now impede our progress."

He spoke with great difficulty and frequently had to stop to drink water. He spoke to the Council saying that he was just recovering from a severe cold.

"The second question I should like to ask," he continued, "is whether, at any point of his appreciation, the Pakistan Commander-in-Chief cautioned the Pakistan Government that the step he was recommending, however justifiable in his own view, might constitute a breach of international law?"

"I feel that, in order to protect himself, he would have taken this precaution, having regard to his conduct on an earlier occasion."

Pakistan claimed that the dispatch of its troops was necessitated by considerations of self-defence. Such a plea might have passed muster in the old days, but now there was the United Nations, with Article 41 of the Charter, which gave all nations the right of individual or collective self-defence.

SELF-DEFENCE

This however imposed a limitation on the right of self-defence which was that the State must be attacked and that if any measures of self-defence were taken they must be reported to the United Nations immediately.

In the present instance, there was admittedly no armed attack on Pakistan, and, admittedly too, the sending of its army into Kashmir was not reported to the Security Council.

Deviations of this initial wrong, certain other wrongs followed, namely, the building of the so-called Azad forces and administration.

I still say that all these wrongs should be completely undone before a plebiscite can be taken. Any other course will involve recognition of an act which is not only against the plain provisions of the Charter but is also a crime according to British municipal law.

The United Nations would be creating a dangerous precedent if it took any other view or adopted any other course. The Security Council knew that the Indian Army had gone into Kashmir to repel the invaders.

Pakistan now said that she had rendered no assistance whatever to the invaders. When, however, she found that India was on the point of expelling the invaders, Pakistan found it necessary to send her army into Kashmir in order to "hold the line." Reuter.

Australia Scores
266 For Two

Johannesburg, Feb. 10.—Australia played themselves into a good position on the first day of the fourth Test against South Africa here, scoring 266 runs for the loss of two wickets when stumps were drawn.

Australia, having won the three previous Tests, have already taken the rubber.

WORLD CUP
FOOTBALL

Zurich, Feb. 10.—The Organising Committee for the 1950 World Football Cup today rejected France's claim to send a team to Rio de Janeiro. The Committee listed the known finalists so far as England, Scotland, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, Mexico, India, Bolivia and Chile.

Italy, as the holders of the Cup, and Brazil, as the host nation, will qualify automatically. It was agreed that no matches should be played in artificial light.

The Committee fixed the measurements of the field of play for all the later rounds at 108 metres by 72 metres (108.11 yards by 78.74 yards). This is a slight deviation of an earlier decision.

The draw for the matches in Rio de Janeiro will be made at the Foreign Affairs Ministry there between May 10 and 15, the Committee reserving the right to name seeded teams in advance.—Reuter.

P.I. CHAMPIONSHIP

Manila, Feb. 10.—Sumant Misra of India, Pedro Masip of Spain, and the Philippines players, Felicisimo Ampon and C. Carmona, will contest the men's singles semi-finals in the Philippines Lawn Tennis championships here.

In the quarter-finals today Masip beat Ramundo Deyro (Philippines) 6-4, 6-4, 9-7. Ampon beat Quizon 6-1, 6-1 and 6-0. Carmona beat Calles 6-4, 6-4, 4-0, 6-1, and Misra beat Sanchez (Philippines) 6-2, 6-2 and 6-1.—Reuter.

Far East On
The March

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ference was held in an Asian Dominion, he declared. "Ten years ago such a conference would have been held in London and we would have heard a report from British Government officials which we probably have approved with the minimum of comment. At this conference everybody had something to contribute and the Asian members of the Commonwealth played a leading role," he said.

Mr Pearson said that there were some economic talks at Colombo—"we were the dollar skeleton at this Sterling feast." He was hopeful that Canada could increase her trade in the Far East, "but we are not kidding ourselves that this can be done quickly or easily," he added.—Reuter.

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